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# To the Worshipful SOCIETY of SURGEONS, London.

Gentlemen,



O you, very often, as well as to Physicians, Persons, under the unfortunate Circumstances of a Venereal Infection, address themselves for Relief and a Cure. And hitherto, you Surgeons, as well as we Physicians, have, generally speaking, been necessitated, for Want of a better Method, and more effectual Medicines, to treat Venereal Patients in the Height of the Distemper, with irksome Salivations, and tedious Courses of Diet-Drink : And even virulent Gonorrhœas, and stubborn Claps, are not (as you, Gentlemen, will, I believe, readily acknowledge) by the Methods and Medicines now in common Use, always to be carry'd off, and compleatly cured, without keeping the Patient long in Hand, under some Restraint, and perplexing him with Variety of Physick. Very Welcome therefore to the World, and to you, Gentlemen, in particular, must a Discovery of that Great Antivenereal Medicine, The Specifick Remedy for the Secret Disease, be, which, from the Experience had of it by Dr. Ratcliff in his Life-time, Dr. Paul Chamberlaine, and other eminent Physicians, in above two thousand Cures happily perform'd within a few Years past, as is fully related and confirm'd in that most ingenious little Tract, intitl'd, A Practical Scheme of the Secret Disease, dedicated to that eminent Physician Dr. Paul Chamberlaine, may be absolutely depended on for a Cure in any Venereal Case whatsoever : For, in any common Clap, it answers all Intentions of Cure, with Pleasure, Ease, Safety, Privacy, Expedition, and such Certainty, as scarcely to miss two in a Hundred : And when the Disease, by Negligence and Mismanagement shall be become a Confirm'd Pox ; and the Patient be afflicted with Breakings-out, Sores, and Scabs, in divers Parts of the Body, Ulcers in the Mouth and Throat, and Nocturnal Pains in the Arms, Shins, &c. Even then this Specifick Remedy performs the Cure without a Salivation, Diet-Drinks, and such like Slip-Slops of Physick,

which, oblige to a Confinement, give Cause of Suspicion, &c. In all which Particulars, this Great Medicine so far excels those in common Use among Physicians and Surgeons, as that what is said of it must necessarily surpass Belief, until it shall be consider'd, that this Great Medicine is (what has been long wish'd for) a true Specifick for the Secret Disease: Then, indeed, the Wonder will cease: For, as you, Gentlemen, to whom I here address'd myself, very well know, it is the Property of a Specifick Remedy, generally (some say always) to cure that Disease for which, it is a Specifick; whatever Age, Sex, and Constitution the Patient shall be of; and with whatever Degree of the Disease afflicted; provided the Disease be not past Cure. The Secret Disease is, indeed, attended sometimes with urgent, painful, and very troublesome Symptoms, and, on those Occasions, this Great Medicine may be very aptly assisted, whereby the Cure will be sooner perform'd, than by the Specifick Remedy of itself: And that nothing may be wanting, in order to render this Great Medicine, now discover'd and made known, as useful as possible, the Receipts of the Medicines that are, on those Occasions, necessary and proper to be us'd with it, are here set down in Words at length, and that in English; so that the most ignorant Person can't readily mistake, either in their Preparation or Use. I shall not, Gentlemen, trouble you with any Account of the Description here given of the Secret Disease, which, for the Sake of the Vulgar, is very plain: But, passing that by, as also what is said in Refutation of some Notions advanc'd by a late Writer, and Dr. Wall's famous Electuary, &c. here set forth in English Receipts, I shall only add, that throughout the whole of this Performance, the Publick Good has been aim'd at, by him who requests your Excuse for this Freedom, and is,

Worthy Sirs,

Your most devoted

Humble Servant,

JOHN SPINKE.


Nov. 20, 1716.





## C H A P. I.

## Of the Original Cause and Nature of the Secret Disease.


 According to the *Principles* of the new *Philosophy*, a promiscuous *Mixture* of different *Company* in one and the same *Woman*, from the *Heat* and *Action* of the *Parts* wherein it is lodg'd, and the different *Activity* of *Spirits* and volatile *Salts* with which different *Seeds* abound, do so rarify and ferment, as to become, by a Change of *Figure*, *Texture*, and *Cohesion* of its *Parts* (from being broken and shatter'd in *Fermentation*) a CORRUPT *Body* or *Matter*, and by Consequence a most violent *ACID*, which is the natural *Result* and *Product* of all *Fermentations*; as appears in *Vinegar*, which is a corrupted *Wine*; *Leaven*, a corrupted *Dough*; *Yeast*, a corrupted *Wort*, &c. and which are all more or less *Acids*, and corrupt *Bodies*, as their *Corruption* is from more or less perfect *Things*: For always *Corruptio optimi pessima*; so the sharpest *Vinegar* is made of the best *Wine*, and consequently 'tis no Wonder that the very worst of all *Distempers* should proceed from a *Corruption* of a *Matter* so refin'd and perfect as human *Seed* is.

This is the *Philosophical Account* the ingenious and learned *Author* of *The Practical Scheme of the Secret Disease* has, in the sixteenth *Edition* of that *Treat*, given of the *Original Cause* of the *Venereal Distemper*; which *Account*, altho' it has been ten several *Times* (in so many *Editions*) deliberated about by that *Author*, and be too,

in the *Main*, as agreeable to what is to be met with in some other late *Writers*, treating of this *Disease*, as if it were transcrib'd from them; yet I must freely own, I look upon this *Hypothesis* to be a mere Philosophical *Chimera*, altogether void of *Truth*: And that for the following *Considerations*, 1. Because the *Semen* (when there is no *Conception*) remains not in the *Uterus*, or its *Vagina*, long enough to admit of a putrefactive *Fermentation*. 2. In Case it did, it is not conceivable that the *Semen* of one Man can differ so much, in its *constituent Parts*, from that of another Man, as that, should they be mix'd, and remain together, in the Manner suggested, they should ferment, and be, by that *Fermentation*, converted into the *Venereal Virus*. 3. Were promiscuous *Copulation*, by any Means, capable of producing that *Poyson* which is the *Essence* of the *Venereal Disease*, the World would certainly have been as well acquainted with that *Disease* (which, in these *Parts*, at least, it was not) before the *Siege* of *Naples*, in or about the *Year* of our Lord 1594, as it has been since: For the same *Cause* always produces the same *Effect*; and *Whoring* was doubtless as much in *Use*, in the *Ages* before that *Siege*, as it was then, or has been since. Whatever therefore was the *Origin* of the *Secret Disease*, a *Corruption* of the *Seed* of divers *Men* in some common *Woman* certainly was not. And as I reject the above-written *Hypothesis* it self, so I must declare my *Disbelief* of what our *Author* has said and affirm'd in *Explanation* of it; for how can it possibly be true, that a violent *Acid* should be the natural *Result* and *Product* of all *Fermentations*? Are not *Grapes*, *Apples*, *Pears*, *Plumbs*, &c. four, that is, *Acid*, in their immature and unripe *State*? And are they not, by a gentle and natural *Fermentation*, promoted by the *Heat* of the *Sun*, advanc'd from their *State* of *Immaturity* to that of *Ripeness*? And do not their *Juices*, in such their *Time* of *Ripening*, by Means of that *Fermentation*, lose their former *Sourness*, (or *Acidity*) and become deliciously *sweet* and *pleasant*? Again, is it not by *Fermentation*, that the express'd *Juice* of the *Grape* is brought into *Wine*? That of the *Apple* into *Syder*? That of the *Pear* into *Perry*, &c. And will this *Author* persuade us, that all *Kinds* of *Fruit*, when just ripe, and in  
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their *Perfection*, as also the most generous *Wines*, the best of *Syder*, *Perry*, &c. are all (even whilst they are in their best *State*, and most agreeable to the *Palate*) violent *Acids*, and in a *State of Corruption*? Again, how can this *Author* expect that the *Ladies* will credit him, in affirming, that the best *Wine Vinegar* they use in their *Pickles*, and palatable *Sauces*, as also the *Leaven* and *Yeast* mix'd in all the *Bread* they eat, are, as such, corrupt *Matters*? Is it not, I beseech you, a well-known *Truth*, that *Fermentation is only an intestine Motion of Particles*? And is it not (too) as well known, that all *Things* are brought to *Perfection* by one *Fermentation*, as well as into a *State of Corruption and Dissolution* by another. If this be the best of our *Author's* new *Philosophy*, it will certainly be worth his while, laying that aside, to read a little old *Philosophy*.

As to a true *Knowledge* of the *Original Cause* of the *Secret Disease*, it seems very difficult to be come at; and would probably be of little *Advantage*, if gain'd: For I deem it of small *Importance* to a *Physician*, and of less to an afflicted *Patient*, to know the *Original Cause* of this (or any) *Disease*; when, where, and by what *Means* it was introduc'd into the *World*: But unless a *Physician* be acquainted with the true *Nature* and material *Cause* of this (or any) *Disease*, he can't rationally adapt *Remedies* proper for its safe, speedy, and effectual *Cure*. Our learned *Author*, to this Purpose, says, 'Any Man (*Ed. 16. p. 4.*) that pretends to cure a *Distemper* he does not perfectly, as well according to the *Principles of Philosophy* as *Anatomy*, understand, that he may rightly know how and when to oppose *Acids* to *Alcalies*, and *Alcalies* to *Acids*, in which all *Distempers* consist, acts only by *Rote*.' A *Physician* ought, as our *Author* says, to understand the *Disease* he pretends to cure; but I humbly conceive our ingenious *Author's* new *Philosophy* has, in this *Passage*, brought him into another *Mistake*; for it is most certain, that all *Diseases* do not, as our *Author* has affirm'd, consist either in *Acids* or *Alcalies*. Nor does the whole *Art of Physick* consist in knowing how and when to oppose *Acids* to *Alcalies*, and *Alcalies* to *Acids*. This would indeed be cutting the *Work* short both in *Theory* and *Practice*; for, as to *Theory*, it would

disengage us, in a very great Measure, from troubling our *Heads* with what *Authors* have, in their many large *Volumes*, wrote about the great Variety of *Causes*, *Natures*, and *Difference* of the many *Diseases* incident to human Bodies. And as to *Practice*, we being only (as our *Author* intimates) to oppose *Acids* to *Alcalies*, and *Alcalies* to *Acids*, as Occasion shall require, there could certainly be no farther Need of *Bleeding*, *Blistering*, *Purging*, *Vomiting*, *Sweating*, *Salivating*, giving *Opiates*, *Cordials*, &c. which Thing, could it be made out, would be good *News* to the *sick* and *afflicted* Part of Mankind.

Come we now to consider the *Nature*, *Essence*, and *material Cause* of the *Secret Disease*; which I am very well assur'd does, as our *Author* has affirm'd of it, consist in an *ACID*. But he having not so fully describ'd the *Nature* of that *Acid*; as, in my *Opinion*, is necessary, I will, in some Measure, supply that slight Defect. I say then, *The Essence of the Venereal Infection consists in an Acid, of a malign and corrosive Quality, not absolutely fix'd, nor of it self volatile, but which is, by Heat, easily volatiliz'd; and which will, by Fermentation, convert the Fluids of an human Body (especially the Lympha, design'd by Nature for the Nutrition of the Part into which it shall be intromitted) into a corrupt malign Matter of its own Nature.* It is the *Nature* of all *Acids* (and of this *Venereal Acid* amongst the rest) to coagulate the *Blood* and *Lympha*, (which are made up of sulphureous and alcalious Particles) and to render them *viscid*; their *Viscidities* occasions, in the *capillary Vessels* and *Glandules*, their *Stagnation*; their *Stagnation*, *Obstructions* and *putrefactive Fermentations*, and at length *Breakings-out*, *Scabs*, *Ulcers*, &c. in the *Parts* affected: All which, and the other *Symptoms* of this *Disease*, are more or less severe; according as the putrefying *Fluid* was more or less replete with the *Venereal corrosive Particles*, the *Body* more or less fill'd before with *diseasy Humours*, &c. So that having discover'd the *Nature* of the *Venereal Infection*, and its *Effects* on the *Blood* and *Lympha*, it would be no difficult Matter to account for the great Variety of *Symptoms* that *Venereal Patients*, according to their *Age*, *Sex*, different *Habits* of *Body*, *Malignity* of the *Infection*, *Way* of receiving it, &c. are afflicted with. And what



what our learned *Author* has said on that *Head*, shall be inserted in the next *Chapter* but one ; for the *Subject* treated of in the ensuing *Chapter* being worthy of *Consideration*, and scarcely taken *Notice* of in the *Practical Scheme*, I shall supply that *Omission* here.



## C H A P. II.

### Of Receiving the Venereal Infection.

**T**HE *Essence* of the *Venereal Disease* consisting of a *malign corrosive Acid*, by Heat easily volatiliz'd, its *Infection* may infallibly be communicated from one *Person* to another, by any *Kind* of *Means*, (*sive immediatè, sive mediatè*) by which the *malign penetrative Particles* of this *Infection* may be transmitted from any *Part* of an infected *Person*, into the *cuticular Pores* of any *Part* of a sound *Body* ; for 'tis no sooner through those *Pores*, but it meets some *Fluid*, which it *viciates*, renders *viscid*, and (by farther *Fermentation*) *colliquates* and *converts* into a *Virus* of its own *Nature*.

And by that *Means* it happens, that this *Infection* (by whatever *Way* receiv'd) first occasions a *LOCAL Disease*, that is, the *principal Part* (at least) of the *Infection* (for some short *Time*) adheres to and remains in the *Part* into which it first gain'd *Admission* ; and in that *Part*, and those thereto adjacent, usually first discovers it self. That every one may have a satisfactory *Notion* of the *Matter*, I will subjoin a more particular *Account* how, and by what *Means*, *Persons* may and do become infected with this *Disease*, and of the *Symptoms* that do thereupon first ensue, *viz.*

1. By the *Venereal Enjoyment* of an infected *Companion* ; which I must not put down for a new *Discovery*.

2. A *Man* may, as many know by dear-bought *Experience*, receive this *Infection* by only *lustful Dalliance* with the *obscene Parts* of an infected *Woman*, (or, if he has a *virulent Gonorrhœa*, *Shankers*, &c. he may so give

it a sound Woman) altho' he does not absolutely enter her Body.

3. Some have assur'd me, they have receiv'd the *Infection* by only permitting their (pick'd up) *Ladies* to handle their *privy Members*; but in that Case, the Woman must first (to satisfy some private *Grudge*) have moisten'd her Hand with the infectious *Filth* of her own Body. When the *Infection* shall have been receiv'd by any of the *Ways* hitherto nam'd, it usually induces a *Gonorrhœa*, or some of the *Symptoms* of a *Clap*.

Here one *Remark* seems proper, *viz.* That when the *Infection* is receiv'd by *lustful Dalliance*, without *Penetration*; by *Penetration*, without an *Emission* of *Seed*; or by suffering a *Woman* to besmear the *Yard* with the infectious *Filth* of her own Body, altho' a *Gonorrhœa*, *Running*, *Heat of Urine*, &c. may, and sometimes do, ensue; yet the first *Symptoms* more usually are *external* only, *viz.* the *Yard* becomes *inflam'd*, *swell'd*, *sore*; its *Foreskin* is sometimes so *purs'd up*, that its *Nut* can't, without *Difficulty*, be *discover'd*; at other Times it is so *girt* about the *Top* of the *Nut* of the *Yard*, as that it can't, with *Ease*, be brought over it; or there happen little *Ulcers*, *Shankers*, *Warts*, an *Oozing* of a *Matter* from between the *Foreskin* and *Nut* of the *Yard*, almost like that of a *Running*, &c. Sometimes the *One*, and at other Times *Another* of these *Symptoms* begin to appear, a *Week*, two, or three after the *Infection* shall have been receiv'd. And in some *Persons* (whether there were or were not a *Penetration*, *Emission* of *Seed*, &c.) the *Infection* shall cause a *Running*, and some of the other *Symptoms* too, and that in a very short Time. The *Truth* is, every *Person* does, in some Measure, differ from any other in *Constitution* and *State* of *Health*; and for that Reason the *Infection* will produce *Symptoms* different in one *Person*, from what it does in another.

4. A *Person* may receive this *Infection* by *lasciviously* kissing any one who has *Venereal Ulcers* or *Sores* in the *Mouth* or *Throat*; in which Case the *Lips* are apt to break out in *Scabs*, that will not easily be remov'd; or being cured, will soon return, the *Mouth* and *Throat* become *sore*, *ulcerated*, &c.

5. *Lying*

5. *Lying* (especially if it be often done) in the same *Bed* with a Person (tho' of the same Sex) that has the *Venereal Disease* in an high Degree, may communicate the *Infection* (at least in some Degree) to a sound Person; so may a *Bed* or *Garment*, constantly lain in or worn by a Person severely *pox'd*. And when the *Infection* shall be receiv'd by either of these *Ways*, the infectious *Effluvia* entering most Parts of the Body, and fixing in the *military Glands*, the first *Symptoms* commonly are (unusual) *Itchings*, *Tinglings*, little *Breakings-out* on the *Skin*, *Pimples*, *Pustules*, *Scabs*, &c. that will not easily be *cured*. These Persons many Times appear and fare like those highly *scorbutical*, or like Persons brought to an ill State of *Health*, by the *Venereal Disease* not skilfully and well *cured*.

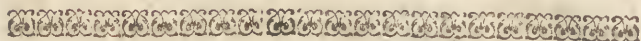
6. Many *Infants* (their Parents, or one of them being *pox'd*) bring this *Disease* into the World with them; and in that Case, altho' they are *born* clear, and seemingly sound, yet they soon discover their *Disease*, by unusual *Breakings-out*, &c.

7. *Pocky Infants* oftentimes give this *Disease* to their *Nurses*, as well by *sucking*, as by being *kiss'd* and *fondled* by them. Many *Nurses* are thus *ruin'd*, they not presently imagining what is the Matter with their *Breasts*, *Lips*, *Mouths*, &c. when affected with *Breakings-out*, *Soreness*, *Ulcers*, &c. that resist the Force of ordinary *Remedies*.

8. A great many *Infants* born sound and healthful, are spoil'd by *Pocky Nurses*. If a *wet Nurse* has the *foul Disease*, the *Infant* receives it of her by *sucking*; and the *Infection* first shews it self in the *Child's Mouth*, and soon after in other Parts of its tender Body. If either *wet* or *dry Nurse* has *Venereal Ulcers* in her *Mouth*, she gives the *Disease* to the *Child* by *kissing* and *fondling* of it. If she has *Pocky Sores*, *Ulcers*, or *Breakings-out* on her *Body*, she infects the *Child* by *venomous Steams* flowing from her diseas'd *Carcass* when in *Bed*. By all this, 'tis apparent, that sound *Nurses* ought to be cautious whose *Infants* they take to *nurse*; and the *Parents* of sound *Children* no less solicitous to what *Nurses* and *Nursery-Maids* they commit the *Care* of their tender *Infants*.

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There are some other more scandalous Ways by which some profligate Wretches have become infected with this Disease; but I shall pass 'em by, as not fit to be named; besides, they are effectually comprehended by the general Rule laid down in the Beginning of this Chapter. And now I return to our learned *Author*.



### C H A P. III.

#### *Of the different Stages and Degrees of the Secret Disease.*

1<sup>st</sup> Stage. ‘ **T**HE venomous Venereal Matter wetting and besmearing the private Parts in the Act, not only outwardly, but also insinuating it self inwardly into the Passage, by Reason of the private Parts being at that Time dilated, turgid, and distended with vigorous Blood and Animal Spirits, by the Assistance of the Action grown hot, by which their Pores are more than usually open'd, and the Air within the Urethra, or Passage, is so rarify'd, that the whole Tube (I mean the urinary Passage) becomes like a Syringe, whose Embolus is drawn up; so that no sooner is the Seed ejected, and that little Air which remain'd in the Urethra thrown out, but immediately, by the Suction of the Tube, or rather indeed by the Impulsion of the Weight, and Elasticity of the Air, it rushes in again, loaded with Venereal Steams and Effluvia, which settle themselves on the mucons Glands (as Dr. Drake calls them) in the Passage.

‘ The Venereal corrupted Matter therefore being thus in the Act, both outwardly and inwardly receiv'd, by Consequence it frets, corrodes, corrupts, exulcerates, and eats thro' into not only the Pores, Orifices, and miliary Glands of the Skin outwardly, but also into the mucons Glands in the Passage inwardly; and thereby causes a Tendernefs, Heat, Redness, Itching, and Inflammation. Small Pustules, Wheals, Blisters, and little Ulcers, both without



without on the *private Parts*, and also within the *Passage*. Hence proceeds,

1<sup>st</sup>, That *putrid Matter* which drips and owzes away, and appears in *clammy Drops* upon squeezing the *Part*; for by squeezing it, you press the *Corruption* contain'd in those little *Ulcers* and *Blisters* in the *Urethra*, out at the *Orifice* of the *Passage*.

2<sup>dly</sup>, That *Pain* call'd *Heat of Urine*: Not that the *Urine* is hotter in it self at that Time, than at others, but the *Passage* being full of little *Blisters* and *Ulcers*, is raw and sore, and by Consequence is fretted by the pungitive Figure of the *acrimonious Salts* of the *Urine*, and so *smarts*, and seems, as it were, to burn and scald as it goes through, just as any other raw Place will do, in Case you pour *Urine* or *Salt Water* upon it. And thus far is the first Stage of the Disease, and is call'd a *Liminary Clap*, or *Outside Infection*, being, in Reality, no more than a mere *superficial Ulcer* and *local Injury*; and therefore may with Care be cur'd mostly by *outward Means*, without much *purging* or *taking of Physick*.

The *venomous corrupted Matter* fermenting and creeping still more down the *Passage*, 2<sup>d</sup> Stage. corrupts the *Liquor* in the *mucons Glands*, naturally separated for the *Lubrication* of the *Urethra*; the Sharpness of which Corruption stimulates those *Glands*, and their *excretory Ducts*, and so excites that *Efflux* and Quantity of *Matter* which comes away, and is commonly call'd a **RUNNING**.

After this, the *Venom* creeps and insinuates it self a little farther, till by *Degrees* it seizes on the *seminal Vessels*, and there creates *Ulcers*, and corrupts the *Seed*, which at length, by Reason of the *Parts* having lost their *Springyness* and *Retentive Faculty*, involuntarily comes away, in which consists properly a *Gonorrhœa*, or *Virulent Running*; and is usually attended with *Swellings* in the *Groins* and *Testicles*, *Shancrous Ulcers*, and a *Cordeé*.

Here our *Author* is again under a great *Mistake*, which having pass'd *Eleven* of his *Editions*, that is, from the *Fifth* to the *Sixteenth* inclusive, I am satisfy'd he will be

glad to find it set right, *viz.* he has made a *Distinction* where there ought to be none, that is, between that which is commonly call'd a *Running*, and that which is call'd a *Gonorrhœa*, or *virulent Running*: Supposing (nay asserting) the *One* to consist of the *Matter* separated by, and flowing from the *mucous Glands*, and the *Other* of the *Seed* it self flowing from the *seminal Vessels*: Whereas, in Truth, by the Words *Running*, *virulent Running*, and *virulent Gonorrhœa*, is always meant the same *Thing*, as to the *Matter* of which it consists, and the *Place* from whence it flows, that is, as he has said, in Relation to a *Running*, the *excretory Ducts* of the *Glandulæ Mucosæ*, which are plac'd a little up the *Urethra*, being so weaken'd, relax'd, and ulcerated, as to permit a continual Discharge of the mucilagenous *Humour* they separate, that *Humour* is, by the *Acid Particles* of the *Venereal Infection*, colliquated and converted into a yellowish or greenish *Matter*, and which flowing forth from the *Urethra*, is call'd a *Running*, *virulent Running*, and *virulent Gonorrhœa*: Which is indeed sometimes replete with fewer, and sometimes with more infectious *Particles*; which *Particles* cause the Difference of its *Colour*. or, at least, are generally said and thought so to do. But that the *Seed* it self is never, according to our *Author's* Notion, concern'd in this *Matter*, is most certain; for before the *Seed* can thus dribble away, the *Caruncles* through which it owzes in the Time of *Coition*, from the *Necks* of the *Vesiculæ Seminales* into the *Urethra*, must be so injur'd, weaken'd, and relax'd, (if not eaten away) as to permit continually an involuntary *Efflux* of it; after which, there can be few (if any) *Erections*; (of which most Men afflicted with a *virulent Running*, have more than they desire) but a *Tabes Dorsalis* will presently ensue, and soon after (in hundred to one) *Death* it self. And now having rectify'd this Mistake, let us return to our *Author* again.

‘ The *Infection* still increasing, eats its Way  
3d Stage. ‘ through into the capillary Ends of the *lym-  
‘ phatick Vessels* and *lacteal Veins*, and throws  
‘ it self into the *Blood*, till the whole *Mais* is corrupt-  
‘ ed, the *Juices* and *Fluids* all viciated and infected,  
‘ and

and the Body over-run with *Breakings-out*, *Blotches*, *Ulcers*, *Boils*, *Bubo's*, *Swellings*, *Spots*, *Pains*, &c. And this is the third and last *Stage* of this *Disease*, in which, in plain English, and without mincing the Matter, it now changes its *Old Name* of a *Clap*, into that of the *Pox*. Thus our *Author* in his fourteenth, fifteenth, and sixteenth *Editions* : But I must remind him of what he (describing the third *Stage* of this *Disease*, in his fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth *Editions*) told us, namely, ' That this *Acid* (that is, the *Acid* of the *Secret Disease*) is not only peculiar from all other *Acids*, being impregnated with a very peculiar Sort of *Poyson*, by reason of a most peculiar mischeivous *Structure* and *Figure* of its *Parts*; but also has *Something* else in it which other *Acids* have not, viz. that it swarms with a vast Number of poisonous minute *Animalcula*, infinitely more deform'd and venomous than those which a *Microscope* discovers to us in *Vinegar* and *Aqua-fortis*. Here I observe, 1. That our learned *Author* seems of Opinion, that neither *Vinegar* nor *Aqua-fortis* are *Acids* : For, he says, the *Venereal Acid* has something in it other *Acids* have not, viz. it swarms with *Animalcula*, more deform'd and venomous than those in *Vinegar* or *Aqua-fortis* : So that in Case there be *Animalcula* in either *Vinegar* or *Aqua-fortis*, as well as in the *Venereal Acid*, then the *Venereal Acid* has nothing in it, on that Account, which some other *Acid* has not, unless *Vinegar* or *Aqua-fortis* (abounding with *Animalcula*) be not *Acids*. 2. Our *Author* is also under a great *Mistake*, in thinking the *Acid* of none other *Disease*, but that of the *Venereal*, is productive of *Animalcula* : For, the *Acid* of the *Itch*, for Instance, is very fertile of them. 3. That although 'tis generally known that *Vinegar* (when it begins, in hot Weather, to decay) swarms with *Animalcula*, altogether as deform'd and venomous as *Mites* in a *Cheese*, and sometimes as easy, without the Help of a *Microscope*, to be seen; yet, in all Probability, our scrutinizing *Author* is the first *Philosopher* ever discover'd *Animalcula*, that is, living *Creatures*, in *Aqua-fortis*. I shall be glad to see what farther Account he will give of them (for certainly he will not slip that favourable Opportunity) to the *Royal Society*, in the next *Edition* of his

Philosophical *Essay* on *Appended Remedies*, which he has done that *Society* the *Honour* to dedicate to them.

The *Account* our learned *Author* has given of this third *Stage* of the *Secret Disease*, the *Pox*, being very *short*, I will add thereto a few *Lines* from *Doctor Sydenham*, who, in his *Epistle* to *Doctor Paman*, says, *At vero quoties sive (Opera Sydenhami, p. 295) diuturnitate & in dictis partibus mora Contagio sursum fertur & sensim Sanguini labem imprimit, aut materia virulenta indebito Astringentium usu in Corpore retenta Humores putrescunt, Vera Lues Exoritur, &c. i. e.* But as soon as; either by the long Continuance of the *Disease* in the *Parts* first affected, the *Contagion* is carry'd upwards, and communicates its *Malignity* to the *Blood*, or the *virulent Matter* being retain'd in the *Body*, by the improper *Use* of *Astringent Remedies*, the *Humours* putrescify and corrupt, a true *Pox* arises; in which, *Bubo's* or *Swellings* sometimes appear in the *Groin*, and constitute its first *Degree*. Soon after, *Pains* seize the *Head*, and *Spaces* between the *Joints*, viz. *Shoulders*, *Arms*, and *Legs*, invading sometimes the one and sometimes the other, without any *Order*, cruelly tormenting the *Patient*. In the *Day* he is sometimes tollerably free from *Pain*; but in the *Night* when warm in *Bed*, he enjoys not much *Ease* 'till towards *Morning*. *Dry Scabs*, *Tettars*, &c. defile divers *Parts* of the *Body*; they are usually of a *yellow Colour*, not unlike an *Hony Comb*, whereby they are distinguish'd from other *Breakings-out*. Sometimes they spread over divers *Parts* of the *Body*, with a large *Surface*, after the *Manner* in which the *Leprosy* in the *Writings* of *Physicians* is said to have done. And by how much the more these *Breakings out* appear, by so much the less the *Patient* is afflicted with *Pain*. All the *Symptoms* do gradually increase, but the *Pain* more than the rest, even to that *Degree* of *Violence*, that the miserable *Wretch* can no longer contain himself in *Bed*, but straightways leaps out, and in *Uneasiness* wanders about from *Place* to *Place* in his *Bed-chamber* 'till *Day-light*; then perhaps he can compose himself, for a while, to rest! Add to all this, that by *Reason* of the *Vehemency* of the *Pain*, the *Skull*, and *Bones* of the *Arms* and *Legs*, are from this *Time* rais'd up into *Knobs*, call'd *Exostoses*, not unlike  
to



to the *Swellings* on *Horses Legs*, call'd the *Spavin*; and the *Bones* being so beset with *Knobs*, become carious, putrefy, and rot. *Phagedenick Ulcers* also devour various Parts of the Body: These most usually first attack the *Throat* and *Jaws*, proceed insensibly by the *Palate* into the *Gristle* of the *Nose*, which it very soon destroys, so that the *Nose* wanting its Prop, falls flat. The *Ulcers* daily increasing, and the *Pains* augmenting, the miserable Patient being partly overcome with continual Torture, and partly eaten up and devour'd with *Ulcers* and *Purefaction*, lives a Life as uneasy as Torture, Stench, Rottenness, and Disgrace can render it; even a State much more wretched, and less to be desir'd, than that of being number'd amongst the *Dead*! Until at length, the Members perishing by Peice-Meals, the mangled Carcass, now not to be endur'd amongst the Living, is committed to the Earth!

Whoever can read this Account (penn'd by Dr. Sydenham) of the dismal Effects of the *Venereal Disease*, and yet not think themselves concern'd to avoid those Acts of *Lewdness* that may probably introduce it into their own Bodies, when absolutely free from it; or that being unhappily (tho' but slightly) tainted therewith, shall not use their best Endeavours to get themselves well and perfectly cured, must doubtless be too courageous, or rather fool-hardy, duly to mind what (in Relation to the Affairs of this World) ought to be their most immediate and chiefest Concern. In the next Chapter I will present you with the *Signs* of a *Clap*, as set down, and that aptly enough, by our learned Author.

## C H A P. IV.

*The particular Signs to know a Clap by.*

‘ **T** HIS Disease at its first Appearance shows it self  
 ‘ in very different *Manners*, according to the dif-  
 ‘ ferent *Constitutions* of *Persons*, and different *Degrees* of  
 ‘ *Infection* receiv’d : For a C L A P at its first Appearance  
 ‘ shows it self in some, by either a *Heat*, *Redness*, and  
 ‘ *Itching*, of the *private Parts* outwardly ; or a Kind of  
 ‘ *Burning*, or *Itching* at the *End* of (or little *Dartings*;  
 ‘ *Twitchings*, and *Shootings* within) the *Passage*, according  
 ‘ as the venomous *Acid Matter* has more or less touch’d,  
 ‘ besmear’d, or enter’d into it:

‘ These *Symptoms* are commonly follow’d by a *Swelling*  
 ‘ and *Inflammation* of the *Parts*, especially the *Foreskin*;  
 ‘ which sometimes thereby becomes so thick as to be-  
 ‘ render’d immoveable : And a *Cordee*, accompany’d of-  
 ‘ tentimes with a large ugly opening of the Orifice of  
 ‘ the *Urethra*, from the *Glans* or *Nut’s* being swell’d and  
 ‘ inflam’d.

‘ In others it begins with only a *Heat* of *Urine*, which  
 ‘ at first is but little, and most sensible at the Orifice of  
 ‘ the *Passage*, where the *Venom* first fix’d it self in the  
 ‘ *Act*. This *Symptom* is usually accompany’d with fre-  
 ‘ quent *Inclinations* to make *Water* by little *Dribblings* of  
 ‘ sharp and seemingly hot *Urine*, which sometimes is  
 ‘ whitish, with little *Strings*, *Threads*, or, as it were,  
 ‘ *Matter* or *Corruption* in it.

‘ In some, where it is *mild*, it appears at first without  
 ‘ any *Heat* or *Scalding* of *Urine*, *Swelling*, *Redness*, or  
 ‘ *Pain* at all ; but only a small issuing out of a clammy  
 ‘ corrupt *Matter*, of a whitish, greenish, or yellowish  
 ‘ *Colour*, dripping and owzing away, especially upon  
 ‘ *Squeezing* the *Part*, which is often *gumm’d*, and as it  
 ‘ were *glw’d* up with it, dividing the *Urine* into a  
 ‘ double *Stream* ; and which *Drops* of *Matter* stains the  
 ‘ *Linnen* of a yellowish or greenish *Colour*.

‘ In others it appears with a *Running* and involuntary flowing out of *corrupted Matter* (which is Nature’s Favour) without any *Uneasiness* or *Pain* at all.

‘ In many *Persons*, after a little *Running*, one or both *Testicles* become swell’d and painful; upon which the *Running* commonly ceases, because the *Corruption* that should flow away, precipitates thither, and causes cold *Shiverings*, *Faintings*, sick *Qualms* on the *Stomach*, &c. And as these grow better, the *Running* usually returns again.

‘ In other *Persons* it begins with an unusual *Pain* in the *Members*, and rowling of the *Testicles*, with *Swellings* in the *Groins*, *Pains* in the *Legs*, *Shoulders*, &c.

‘ In some again it appears at the *Beginning* with only a seemingly insignificant *Wheal*, or *Pimple*, on the *Foreskin* or *Glans*, like a *Flea-bite*, or *Measle*, which, by Degrees, grows into a little *Ulcer*, like those on *Childrens Mouths*, and is what is commonly call’d a *Shancres*.

‘ Some *Persons* in the *Beginning* have a clammy corrupted *Humour* continually gathering and issuing out, not from the *Passage*, but, from between the *Foreskin* and *Nut*, which being of a sharp corroding Nature, frets the *Part* where it lies, and makes it sore, raw, and full of little *Wheals*, *Blisters*, and *thancrous Ulcers*.

‘ In others a *Soreness*, and *Debility* (as if from a Cold and *Weariness*) all over the *Joints* and *Limbs*, succeed to the aforementioned *Symptoms*, with *Dulness* of the *Spirits*, *Heaviness*, *Melanckoly*, *Heat* in the *Palms* of the *Hands*, &c.

‘ In others again, none other *Symptoms* of *Malignity* appear, than a watery *Humour* ting’d with *Blood*, as is usual in all slight *Excoriations*.

‘ These more or less are the usual *Symptoms* of the *Disease*, and *Signs* of *Infection* in the *Beginning*, proportionably both in *Men* and *Women*; only with this *Difference*, that they commonly vary in every distinct *Body*; some happening to some *Bodies*, others to others; insomuch that it rarely happens that two *Persons* infected have *Symptoms* alike, but differ according to the *Difference* of their *Temperiments*, and *Constitutions*; greater

' greater or less *Degree of Infection* receiv'd ; Height of  
 ' *Malignity* and *Infection* in the *Giver* ; ( there being a  
 ' Difference between burning one's Finger with the  
 ' Snuff of a Candle and a red hot Iron ) and *Distance* of  
 ' Time since it was receiv'd. For which Reason *some*  
 ' Persons find no *Hurt* for some Time after having been  
 ' in *Company*, *Others* find it immediately : So that *some*  
 ' Persons shall have a slight *Clap* hanging on them for  
 ' several *Months*, without making any great *Appearance*,  
 ' or giving much *Uneasiness* ; when *Others* shall be severely  
 ' *Poxt* in a few Days ; for the *Degree of Infection* does not  
 ' depend so much on the *Quantity of Matter* imbib'd,  
 ' as on the *Virulency*, *Corrosiveness*, and *Acrimony* of it.  
 ' But where the *Malignity* receiv'd, and the *Symptoms*  
 ' appearing, are greater than here describ'd, there is no  
 ' need of informing such Persons *What ails them* ; if they  
 ' only reflect in whose *Company* they have been, their  
 ' *Case* is plain enough. Thus our *Author*, and to the  
 Purpose.



## C H A P. V.

*Of the Cure of the Secret Disease in general ;  
 and in its first Stage.*

' **T** HIS *Disease* consisting in a venomous corrosive  
 ' **A C I D** *Ferment*, that corrodes, frets, and eats  
 ' into whatever Part it once touches ; the only true  
 ' *Method of Cure* in general, must consist in searching,  
 ' attractive, alcalious, and healing *Medicines*, so loaded  
 ' with volatile, sulphureous, oleagenous, globular, and  
 ' smooth *Particles*, as to be capable, first to find out,  
 ' and unite themselves with, then to dull, sheath, and  
 ' obtund the broken and ragged Points of this acid,  
 ' corrosive *Ferment* ; next to throw it out of the Body ;  
 ' and lastly, to heal up and strengthen the weaken'd  
 ' and injur'd Parts ; it being a *Maxim* in *Physick*, as  
 ' well



‘ well as *Morals*, That all *Contraries* must be cured by  
 ‘ their *Contraries*. And none but *Medicines* endow’d  
 ‘ with these *Qualities*, can ever perform a *Solid Cure* of  
 ‘ this *Distemper*.

‘ As to the *First Stage* of this *Disease*, it being  
 ‘ MOSTLY an *Outward Injury*, it may MOSTLY be  
 ‘ cured by *Outward Applications*, as other common *Sores*  
 ‘ are, provided there be but found *external Remedies* so  
 ‘ directly opposite to the *Venereal Venom*, as to have,  
 ‘ 1. Such globular, smooth, and mollifying *Particles*,  
 ‘ as may blunt, sheath, obtund, and subdue the rough,  
 ‘ ragged *Points* of the *Venereal Miasmata*. 2. Such  
 ‘ searching and absterfive *Ones*, as may dislodge and  
 ‘ wash them off from the infected *Part*, before they have  
 ‘ taken too deep a *Root*: And, lastly, such balsamick  
 ‘ and healing *Ones*, as may put an *End* to the *Soreness*,  
 ‘ *Heat of Urine*, *Inflammation*, and *Pain*. All which  
 ‘ may, in a great *Measure*, be perform’d by a certain,  
 ‘ absterfive, cleansing, and healing *Water*, which, in  
 ‘ the *Directions* seal’d up with the hereafter-mention’d  
 ‘ *Remedy*, I have taught *Persons* to make up themselves,  
 ‘ without any *Charge*, and which they are to wash  
 ‘ themselves *Outwardly* with, to search out, and wash  
 ‘ off the *Venereal Steams*, before they take too deep a *Root*.

‘ But altho’ it may by *Chance* happen *Once* or *Twice* in  
 ‘ an *Hundred Times* ( which *Swallow* will not make any  
 ‘ *Summer*) that a *Person* slightly infected, may by the  
 ‘ timely *Use* of *Outward Means*, be freed from all *Injury*;  
 ‘ yet, I think, generally speaking, ’tis not safe to rely  
 ‘ too much on this *Method*; my *Reason* is, That altho’  
 ‘ the *Infection* be as yet but slightly receiv’d, yet the  
 ‘ *Blood* circulating thro’ those *Parts* where it lies, easier  
 ‘ than we imagine, takes along with it some of its  
 ‘ minutest *Particles*, being of so subtle a *Nature*, as to  
 ‘ insinuate themselves into the *Juices* of the *Body* sooner  
 ‘ than we are aware of. So that as it is not safe to de-  
 ‘ pend altogether on *Outward Applications* to cure the *Ve-*  
 ‘ *nom* of a *Viper*, or *Bite* of a *mad Dog* (tho’ only out-  
 ‘ ward *Injuries*) without, for more *Security* Sake, some  
 ‘ *Antidote* inwardly, to carry off whatever of the *Poyson*  
 ‘ may have stole into the *Blood*: So I would advise all  
 ‘ *Patients*, altho’ their *Condition* may be, to their own  
 D  
 ‘ Thinking,

‘ Thinking, never so *Slight*, besides the Use of any *Lotion*, to take a little (at least) of something inwardly, to carry off whatever subtil venomous *Effluvia* may escape the Reach of the *Water*. The lets will do. ‘ Twill break no Bones, and can do no *Harm*, but will confirm the *Cure*, by driving out whatever *Snake* may lurk in the *Grass*. And here I recommend my *Specifick Remedy* : But not near so much of it, as in the *second Stage*. So that the *Lotion* does not intirely exclude all *Internal Medicines*, but only lessens the *Number* of their *Doses*.

That the first *Stage* of this *Disease*, that is, a *Clap* very newly receiv’d, may be entirely cured by *Externals* only, without *One Grain* of *Physick* taken inwardly, some have affirm’d: But our *Author* has not promis’d any such *Thing* for his *Lotion* : He has only recommended its Use, in *Conjunction* with his *Specifick*, which is to be taken inwardly. And whether there be, or be not, some one *Lotion* in the Possession of some *Person* or other, that will of it self, safely and effectually cure a fresh *Clap*, and that with *Certainty* ; sure I am, there are several *Liquors*, that, being externally us’d, are of very great *Service* in fresh *Claps* ; and not in them only, but in the other *Stages* of this *Disease* too : And the best that I know of, and of which I have had above 20 Years *Experience*, is that which I call,

*Liquor Medicamentosus* : The Medicinal Liquor.

This *Liquor* (whatever some *Other* may do) will not, that I know of, by any Use that can be made of it, either of it self cure a *Clap*, or preserve any *One* from all manner of *Injury* by the *Venereal Infection*, who shall boldly adventure to come where it is to be met with : But I know, by manifold *Experience*, that if the *External Parts* (of either *Sex*) pertaining to *Generation*, be wash’d and bath’d therewith hot presently, or as soon as may be, even altho’ that be not of some Days, after an impure *Coition*, and that three or four Times a Day, for a few Days. it will (generally speaking) effectually prevent and preserve from many of the most troublesome *Symptoms* of a *Clap*, viz. swelling and prising up of the  
Foreskin

*Foreskin* of the *Yard*, an *owzing* of *Matter* from under the *Foreskin*, *Sores*, *Breakings-out*, *Shankers*, *Venereal Warts*, &c. and will also very much help forwards an effectual *Cure* to be perform'd by proper *Internal Remedies*. And indeed those *Infections* receiv'd by *lustful Dalliance*, without *Penetration*; by *Penetration* without *Emission* of *Seed*; or by suffering a *Woman* to besmear the *Yard* with the infectious *Filth* of her own *Body*, (and the *Truth* is, when a *Man* shall first lasciviously handle the *Privy-Parts* of an infected *Woman*, and, whilst his *Hand* shall continue moist with the *Filth* of her *Body*, shall handle, rub, and chafe his own *Privy-Members*, he may thereby effectually *Pox* himself) in any of these *Cases*, the *Infection* being lodg'd chiefly in the *Pores* of the *External Skin*, the *Cure* can't be speedily and well perform'd, without the *Use* of this, or some other *External Remedy*; with which, in all such *Cases*, those *Parts* ought to be often and well bath'd hot. *Women*, who, by suckling *Pocky Children*, shall have their *Breasts* infected; young *Children*, injur'd by the *Steams* of the *Bodies* of *Pocky Nurses*; and those who, by lying in the same *Bed*, &c. shall have receiv'd the *Infection* by the cuticular *Pores*, ought to be often bath'd therewith, where-ever they shall find any *Pimples*, *Pustules*, *Breakings-out*, &c. They whose *Mouths* and *Throats* shall be affected with *Venereal Sores*, *Ulcers*, &c. may mix *Honey* of *Roses* with it, to sweeten it (otherwiise it is better by it self) and use it for a *Gargle*. And, indeed, as a *Lotion*, it has not (that I know of) its *Equal* (in *Venereal Cases*) on *Earth*. And that it will do great *Service* (us'd as above directed) in preventing the *External* ill *Effects* of a *Venereal Infection*, may be justly inferr'd from its effectually curing venereal *Pimples*, *Pustules*, *Scabs*, *Breakings-out*, &c. whenever they shall happen in any *Part* of the *Body*, and even after they shall have continu'd for a long *Time*. But then they'l soon return, if their *Cause* be not remov'd by other *Means*. The *Virtues* of this *Liquor*, in *Cases* that are not *Venereal*, are as follows, viz.

1. Old *Sores* and *Ulcers* being, Morning and Evening, wash'd therewith hot, and a fine Linnen Cloth 6 or 8 Times double, or a Pledget of Lint, well moisten'd with it, being apply'd thereto, and moisten'd several Times in

the Day, as it dries, without being taken off, will, in a short Time, be *cured*. In these *Cases* it far excels *Balsams, Plaisters, &c.*

2. It frees the *Face*, and other Parts of the *Body*, from *Worms* in the *Skin*, and cures the *Ichings, Pimples, Pustules*, and *Breakings-out*, occasion'd by them; by only *bathing* the Places affected therewith *hot*, twice or thrice a-Day, for some Time.

3. It frees Childrens *Heads* from *Scurf, Dandriff*, and *Lice*; the Head being, but twice or thrice (in all) bath'd with it *hot*. It also destroys *Crab-Lice*, the Places they infest being also bath'd with it *hot*.

4. It cures most Sorts of *Scabs, Tettars, Ring-worms, white scaly Breakings-out*, and other *Defilements* of the *Skin*, which it renders *white, smooth, and soft*; by only *bathing* with it *hot*, twice or thrice a-Day, and for about a Quarter of an Hour at a Time. It is a *safe, neat, and clean Medicine*; and may be us'd to the most tender and delicate *Person* in the World, and to any young *Children*. If it gets into the *Eyes*, it will make them smart (*that is all*) very much; otherwise it is entirely *safe*, tho' taken inwardly.

*Note 1.* It must be *beat* in something of *Earth*, for *Metal* injures it.

*Note 2.* In the *Cure* of *Old Sores* and *Ulcers*; also of all inveterate *Scabs, Breakings-out, &c.* besides the *Use* of this (or any other) *External Remedy, Purgatives*, and other inward *Medicines*, are generally necessary to purify the *Blood*, and render the *Cure* effectual. Price 5s. a Pint.

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## C H A P. VI.

Of the *CURE* of the second Stage of the Secret Disease; that is, a Virulent Gonorrhœa.

**T**HIS Stage being too stubborn for the Influence of the foregoing *Method*, the *Patient* must (there is nothing to be said) submit to take a little more of some-



' something inwardly, by Reason of the *Progress* the Di-  
 ' stemper has made. For whoever pretends to cure this  
 ' Stage, must do it by one or more *Medicines* which  
 ' contain such *Particles* as are entirely opposite to those  
 ' of the *Venereal Ferment*, viz. That have such Oleage-  
 ' nous and gently *Cathartick* Ones, as will blunt, cor-  
 ' rect, subdue, and throw out of the Body, the veno-  
 ' mous *Acid Humour*; and by their searching and bal-  
 ' samick Ones, cleanse and heal up the *Ulcers*, and so  
 ' take away the *Running* and *Cordee*; and lastly, by  
 ' their strengthening *Properties*, restore the weaken'd and  
 ' injur'd *Parts* to their ancient *Tone* and *Vigour*, after  
 ' the *Malignity* is well carry'd off: For if the *Infection*  
 ' be not well carry'd off, before the *Running* is taken  
 ' away, or any *Astringents* us'd to stop it, there will be  
 ' no honest *Cure*; and, as Dr. Sydenham says, the Pa-  
 ' tient, in having too nimble a *Cure* of a *Clap*, will be  
 ' *Pox'd*, by having the *Venom* thrown into his *Blood*; so  
 ' that 'tis hard to say, which *poxes* most, the *Doctor* or  
 ' the *Disease*.

' But yet for all this, a *Moderation* must be us'd as to  
 ' the cleansing: For unless due *Regard* be also had to  
 ' the healing and strengthening *Qualities* in *Antivenere-*  
 ' *al Remedies*, you may sometimes purge a Person off his  
 ' *Legs*, and ruin his *Constitution*, without ever *Curing*  
 ' him. So that 'tis not purging with every common  
 ' *Purge* will do: No, it must be some *Specifick Medi-*  
 ' *cine*, fortify'd with such *Ingredients* as have a peculiar  
 ' *Antipathy* against the *Disease*, viz. whose innate *Nature*  
 ' is, first to find out and draw to it self the *Vene-*  
 ' *real Venom*, wherever it *lurks*; then to unite and in-  
 ' corporate it self with it; then to sheath, blunt, dull,  
 ' and subdue its ragged *Points*; next to throw it out  
 ' of the Body; and lastly, to heal up and strengthen  
 ' the injur'd and weaken'd *Parts*. And in such a *Re-*  
 ' *medy* as this, and in none but such an one as this, e-  
 ' very *Patient* will find a satisfactory *Cure*. Now, I  
 ' know of but only ONE *Thing* in the World, that  
 ' will seriously and honestly perform this, which is the  
 ' *Specifick Remedy* hereafter mention'd. And yet I be-  
 ' lieve I may say, without *Vanity*, that I not only  
 ' thoroughly understand the *Disease*, having apply'd my  
 ' self

‘ self to the *Study* of it, but also that I understand the  
 ‘ various *Methods* of *Curing* it. And after all I find,  
 ‘ from a very large *Experience*, and about two thousand  
 ‘ Persons that lately have been cured by this *Specifick* *Re-*  
 ‘ *medy*; to say nothing of upwards of twenty thousand  
 ‘ Cures it had perform’d, before the *Secret* of it was  
 ‘ communicated to me, that it is the *only* Thing for this  
 ‘ *Disease*. So that had it been but publish’d some Years  
 ‘ ago, as it is now, (to use Dr. *Chamberlaine’s* Words  
 ‘ of it) Persons who had known of it, would have ta-  
 ‘ ken nothing else.

## C H A P. VII.

*Of the Cure of the third Stage of the Secret  
 Disease, that is, the POX.*

‘ **T**HIS Stage consists in the *Acid Ferments*, having  
 ‘ infected and turn’d the *Blood, Serum, Lymph,*  
 ‘ *Juices*, and *Fluids* of the *Body*. The *Remedies* to cure  
 ‘ it, must be such, as by their *alcaeous* and *sulphure-*  
 ‘ *ous*, as well as *volatile Particles*, enter immediately in-  
 ‘ to the *Mass* of *Blood* and *Juices*, and have a *Preva-*  
 ‘ *lence* to dilute them, and stop the *Career* of this *Acid*  
 ‘ *Ferment*; and by attenuating the tough *posky Slime*  
 ‘ lodg’d in the *Veins*, and volatilizing the stagnated and  
 ‘ coagulated *Humours*, to restore them to their former  
 ‘ *Fluidity* and *Tenuity*, and expel the malignant *Impu-*  
 ‘ *rity* that lurks therein: All which, if skilfully un-  
 ‘ dertaken, may be perform’d without either any *A-*  
 ‘ *sstringents* or *Salivation*, (which oftner prove the *Ruin*  
 ‘ of poor *Patients* than their *Cure*) by the *Specifick* *Re-*  
 ‘ *medy*, assisted by the *Method* prescrib’d in the *Directi-*  
 ‘ *ons*, which will immediately enter into the *Blood*, and  
 ‘ strike at the *Root* of the *Infection*, without any more  
 ‘ ado, and carry it off. Of which see more in the  
 ‘ printed *Directions*, seal’d up with it, where the exact  
 ‘ *Method* of varying, ordering, taking, and assisting  
 ‘ it,

‘ it, to cure any of the three *Stages*, is plainly set down:  
 ‘ So that this *Specifick Remedy* is to be us’d in all the  
 ‘ three *Stages*, with this Difference, that

‘ In the *first Stage* a little of it will do.

‘ In the *second* it must be continu’d a few Days.

‘ In the *third* it must be taken at certain *Intervals*, to  
 ‘ carry off the *Venom* prepar’d for *Expulsion*, by the  
 ‘ *Method* prescrib’d in the *Directions*. So that on this  
 ‘ *LITTLE Remedy*, which I justly call a *Specifick* for  
 ‘ this *Disease*, (if any such be in the World) depends  
 ‘ the *Cure* of any of the three *Stages*. For the *Nature*  
 ‘ of it is, as soon as ever it is taken, to find out, u-  
 ‘ nite, and incorporate it self intimately with the *Ve-*  
 ‘ *nereal Poyson*, and so carry it off. If such a *SECRET*  
 ‘ as this (which now is only in my own *Breast*, the  
 ‘ *Author* of it being dead) be not a *Specifick*, there is no  
 ‘ such Thing in Nature as a *Specifick*.

The *first* (and principal) *Part* of the *fifth Chapter*,  
 the whole of the *sixth*, and thus far forwards of this  
 Chapter, I have transcrib’d from our learned Author’s  
 sixteenth *Edition*; where, as you see, he has represented  
 his *Specifick Remedy* as an effectual *Cure* for the *Pox* it  
 self, as well as for a *Clap*. ‘ On this little Remedy which  
 ‘ I (says he) justly call a *Specifick* for this *Disease*, de-  
 ‘ pends the *Cure* of any of the three *Stages*.’ But when  
 he publish’d his second, third, and fourth *Editions*, he  
 was of another Mind; for in each of these *Editions*,  
 (and very likely in his *first*, which I have not) he says,  
 (pag. 31.) ‘ But if your *Blood*, *Lymph*, and *Juices*, by  
 ‘ Means of the capillary *Veins* be corrupted by the *Ve-*  
 ‘ *nereal Poyson*, from a *Neglect* of it, or ill *Management*,  
 ‘ which you will know by these *Signs*: Great Pains in  
 ‘ the *Head* and *Limbs*, *Breakings-out* and *Scabs* almost  
 ‘ all over the *Body*; *Uicers*, *Boils*, and *Bubo’s* in the  
 ‘ *Armpits*, *Groins*, and *Parts* adjacent; *Ulcers* in the  
 ‘ *Mouth* and *Throat*; *Swellings* in the *Glandules* of the  
 ‘ *Neck* and the *Jaws*; *Hoarseness* of *Voice*; *Nocturnal*  
 ‘ *Pains* in the *Shins*, *Arms*, *Reins*, and other *Parts*;  
 ‘ *Falling* of the *Hair*, *Rottiness* of the *Bones*, *Consumpti-*  
 ‘ *on*, &c. Pray take my *ADVICE*, and do NOT lay  
 ‘ out your *Money* upon this *Specifick Remedy*; for it  
 ‘ will NOT cure you. It will, ’tis true, keep your  
 ‘ *Distemper*



‘ *Dissemp* something under, ’till you get a better *Cure*;  
 ‘ by carrying off some Part of the *Venom* : But what’s  
 ‘ that to the PURPOSE to your entire *Cure* ? You  
 ‘ had better save your *Money* to do it effectually by a  
 ‘ thorough SALIVATION, under the Care of some  
 ‘ not only skilful and judicious, but conscientious Per-  
 ‘ son.’

Our *Author*, as you have seen, tells us his *Specifick* had perform’d above *twenty thousand Cures*, before it was made known to him, he (as you’ll see in the next *Chapter*) us’d it several *Years* before he wrote about it, and publish’d it; then he publish’d it, and republish’d it, until his *Book* concerning it had pass’d a first, second, third, and fourth *Impression*, without knowing that it would cure the *Pox* it self, as is very evident from the *Passage* above cited out of his fourth *Edition*. Yet NOW he has (O happy he!) found it out; nay, he discover’d the whole *Matter*, and was sufficiently convinc’d of the *Truth* of it, within the *Space* of TWO or THREE *Months* (for longer Time has not pass’d between one *Edition* and another of his *Books*) after he publish’d his fourth *Edition* : For in his fifth *Edition*, (p. 51, 52) he says, ‘ This (that is, the *third*) Stage consists in an *Acid*. The Remedies to cure it must be such, as  
 ‘ by their alcaleous, sulphureous, as well as volatile *Parti-  
 ‘ cles*, enter immediately into the Mass of *Blood*. —  
 ‘ ALL which, if skilfully undertaken, may be per-  
 ‘ form’d without any *Mercurial Medicines* or SALI-  
 ‘ VATION, (which oftner proves the *Ruin* of poor  
 ‘ Patients than their *Cure*) by the SPECIFICK Remedy,  
 ‘ assisted by the *Method* I have prescrib’d in the *Directi-  
 ‘ ons*.’ — And so he proceeds throughout all I transcrib’d above from his 16th *Edition*. The same *Passage* is in his 6th and 7th *Editions*, p. 51, 52; in his 8th *Edition*, p. 14, 15; in his 9th Ed. p. 8, 9; in his 10th Ed. p. 7; in his 11th, 12, and 13th *Editions*, p. 11; in his 14th, 15th, and 16th *Editions*, p. 16. So that this *Account* of his *Specifick*’s curing the *Pox* has run through an *eleven* of his *Editions* with a good *Assurance*, and without any *Excuse* being made for his having positively affirm’d, in his said second, third, and fourth *Editions*, that this *Specifick* will NOT cure the *Pox*; or giving any *Account* how,  
 and

and by what Means, he discover'd (or came to know) it will cure it. Nor has he any where given an *Account* what induc'd him in his second, third, and fourth *Editions*, to recommend a SALIVATION, as the *ONLY Method* for a good and effectual *Cure* in the *Pox*; and, in every *Edition* since, to assure the World a *Salivation* oftner ruins Patients than cures them. *Physicians* of Skill and Learning are not accusom'd (whatever ignorant *Quacks* may be) thus to contradict themselves (at least not without assigning some *Reason* for it) in the several *Editions* of their *Books*. They would be ashamed their *Readers* should take *Notice* of their being so inconsistent with themselves. And in Case you think our *Author's* Meaning is, That the *Specifick* cures a *Clap* without *Assistance*, and the *Pox* with the *Assistance* of the Things prescrib'd in the *Directions*, do but turn to either his second, third; or fourth *Editions*, in each of which, having said his *Specifick* will cure a *Clap*, he positively affirms it will not cure the *Pox*; and yet he there (p. 29) says, ' I have in the *Directions* set down plain *Prescriptions* in *English*, of whatever Things (generally speaking) will be necessary for the *Cure*, together with the *Specifick Remedy*. ' You now see plainly the *Specifick* was always to be assisted (as Need should require) in curing a *Clap*, as well as now in curing a *Pox*. SO that upon the whole Matter, it seems to me evident, that the *Specifick's* curing the *Pox*, must either be a new and sudden *Discovery* of our ingenious *Author*, or an *Imposition* and a *Cheat* put upon the *Town*: For in his second, third, and fourth *Editions*, he, in as plain Words as can be us'd, owns his *Specifick* will NOT cure the *Pox*; which is, certainly a sufficient *Proof* that he did not then know it will cure it: In his fifth, sixth, and succeeding *Editions*, he as positively affirms it will cure the *Pox*, as he does it will cure a *Clap*; and he so says, in order to put People on buying it, and taking it as well for the *Cure* of the *Pox*, as of a *Clap*, as their *Occasion* shall require: Which Thing must, I conceive, be a notorious *Imposition* and a *Cheat*, unless he made some *Discovery* in the Matter after he publish'd his fourth *Edition*, in which he said his *Specifick* will not cure the *Pox*, and before he publish'd his fifth *Edition*, in which

he says it will. And if he did make such *Discovery*, why has he not told us *when*, *how*, and by what *Means* it was brought about? Which he having not done, makes me *suspect* he never made any such *Discovery* at all. And now I'll present you with what he has said about his *first* becoming acquainted with his *Specifick*; and what *Pains* he pretends he took to be assur'd of its *Virtues*, &c.



## C H A P. VIII.

### *Of the Specifick Remedy for the Secret Disease.*

**S**OME Years ago (says our *Author*) I had an *Antivenereal Medicine* communicated to me by an *Eminent BROTHER Physician*, who gave me such a *Character* of it, that truly I was at *first* very hard to believe what he said. He confirm'd what he said of his own long *Experience* of it, and by the *Experience* of an *OTHER* ancient and eminent *Physician*, who had communicated it also to him; and who, he assur'd me, for near *FORTY Years* had done *Wonders* with it, many of which Years he had practis'd at *Sea*, and in foreign *Countries*. I told him, that if all he said of the *Medicine* were true, I should esteem it as a great *Treasure*; but till I had made the *Trial* of it, he must Pardon me, if I suspended my *Opinion*. Knowing therefore *Experience* to be preferable to the best *Speculative Knowledge*, I set to work, scarce hoping half the *Success* he had promis'd me, or indeed what I found. Several *Persons* with *COMMON Claps* address'd themselves to ME: I gave them the *Medicine* away with them in their *Pocket*, with written *Directions* for its *Use*, and order'd them to give me an *Account* of the *Success*. Some brought me one *Relation*; Others brought me another; but all with *Thanks* tending



'ing to the same *End*, that they were *cured*. Nevertheless,  
 'I was yet unwilling to lay too great an *Estimate* on  
 'my new *Remedy*, fearing that the late *Success* in some  
 'Particulars, might be partly an Effect of *Chance*, a hap-  
 'py *Constitution*, Slightness of *Infection*, or some other  
 'such favourable assisting *Circumstance*: BUT still con-  
 'tinuing to give it to great *Numbers*, in most *Degrees* of  
 '*Infection* in COMMON Claps, and always with an  
 'equal *Success*, gave me such an *Idea* of it, that truly I  
 'do really think it has not an *Equal* in the World for  
 'this *Distemper*. And this I now spake upon a large  
 'Experience of it. After this, I acquainted my *Friend*,  
 'who communicated it to me, of my *Success*, to which  
 'he boldly *answer'd*, that he would engage any *Wager*,  
 'that of one hundred Persons in COMMON Claps, it  
 'would not miss in TWO. Having therefore now no  
 'small Value for my *Remedy*, I began to think how I  
 'might render it MORE profitable to my self, and  
 'useful to *Others*, than a PRIVATE *Practice* would do.  
 'I communicated it to two of the Chief *Physicians* in  
 'London, who both being pleas'd to honour it with their  
 '*Esteem*, I was resolv'd to *publish* it, to the End that  
 'what a great many in private *Practice* had us'd always  
 'with *Success*, Others also, if they pleas'd, might reap  
 'Benefit by. And accordingly, to proceed in Order  
 'and Method, on the 14th Day of *March*, 1713, I  
 'gave an Account of all the above-mention'd Particu-  
 'lars, *viz.* of the great *Success* of this *Remedy*, the great  
 'Numbers it had cured, and the Value the above-men-  
 'tion'd *Physicians* had of it, to the Right Honourable  
 'Sir Richard Hoare, Kt. Lord Mayor of the City of Lon-  
 'don; who, to testify that he was fully satisfy'd with  
 'the Account given, was pleas'd to sign it with his  
 'own Hand; and on the 15th, I publish'd it in the  
 'publick *Prints*.

Before I proceed farther, a few *Remarks* seem needful.  
 1. If what our *Author* has here said be true, he must for  
 certain be a very honest and cautious *Man*: For, ha-  
 ving a *Secret* given him by an eminent *Brother Physician*,  
 to whom also it had been communicated by another  
 eminent *Physician*, who had us'd it near forty Years, and  
 done near twenty Thousand Cures with it, 'tis almost sur-

prizing our *Author* should be at all diffident in the *Account* given him by such a *Friend*, as to its *Virtues*: But the most cautious and honest *Physician* on Earth, could, in the like Case, have done no more than our *Author* (says he) did; that is, make long and large *Trial* of it; and take the *Advice* of eminent *Physicians* about it, before he publish'd it. 2. 'Tis very wonderful, that neither the One nor the Other of the eminent *Physicians* who had this *Secret* before our *Author*, nor our *Author* himself, in neither his above-mention'd *several Years Trial* of this *Remedy*, or at least before the Publication of the 4th *Edition* of his *Practical Scheme*, should discover that this *Specifick* will cure the *Pox*, in Case it will really so do. 3. If any *Physician* of this *Land*, in this, or the last Age, had a *Medicine* to *specifick* for *Claps* as our *Author* pretends this is, and had actually cured near twenty Thousand (or but twenty Hundred) *Persons* with it; (as our *Author* pretends was done) is it not even amazing, that neither that *Physician*, nor his *Medicine*, should, whilst he possess'd that *Medicine*, and practis'd with it, ever be publicly talk'd of? Can about twenty thousand People be cured of *Claps*, by One *Man*, or by Two *Men* in Succession, by One only *Medicine*, and neither the *Doctor*, nor his *Medicine* become the Subject of *Conversation*? But now let us hear the farther *Account* he has given of this *Medicine*, in the Words following the *Passage* cited above, *viz.*

' The *Account* therefore I have to give of it, is this:  
 ' That now for several Years it has never fail'd curing  
 ' great Numbers of both Sexes, even from the slightest  
 ' *Infection*, to very bad Cases; indeed, by a shorter or  
 ' longer Continuance of it, to the *Assonishment* even of  
 ' the *Patients* themselves, who, before *Trial*, would  
 ' never believe such a mighty *Alteration* could have been  
 ' wrought in such deplorable *Venerical Objects* as them-  
 ' selves were, by ONE only innocent *Thing*, if they  
 ' themselves had not try'd it. The great *Conveniency*  
 ' of this *Remedy* above all other *Methods* of *Cure* is, that  
 ' Persons may in a FEW Days cure themselves with  
 ' IT privately, without taking ANY other *Thing*,  
 ' or exposing their *Reputation* to any One, being entirely  
 ' by their own *Physician*: It being to be carry'd about  
 ' with



' with them in their *Pocket*, and so us'd, that neither its  
 ' *Operation*, (causing no *Sickness at Stomach*, or Disorder  
 ' in the *Body*, working chiefly by *Urine*, whose *Heat* it  
 ' suddenly takes away) nor the *Patient's Way of Living*,  
 ' (requiring no staying within *Doors*, or *Hinderance of*  
 ' *Business*) can ever give *Suspicion* to any One, or betray  
 ' them to be under such *Circumstances* to the nearest *Re-*  
 ' *lation* living, altho' in the same *Bed* together; answer-  
 ' ing ALL the *Intentions of Cure*; with such *Pleasure*,  
 ' *Ease*, *Safety*, *Privacy*, *Certainty*, and *Expedition*, as is  
 ' admir'd by all, in the following Manner. First, IT  
 ' finds out, unites it self with, (the Nature of it being  
 ' so to do, as the *Load-Stone* draws to it self *Iron*) and  
 ' expels, chiefly by *Urine*; the *Malignity* of the *Humours*,  
 ' and *Venerical Contagion*, keeping it from the *Head*,  
 ' *Nose*, and other *Noble Parts*; causing a *Secretion* and  
 ' *Separation* of the noxious *Humours*, and particularly  
 ' the *Venerical Ones*, from Others; by which Means IT  
 ' disperses, and carries off in their *Infancy*, those *Swel-*  
 ' *lings* without breaking them, which otherwise would  
 ' come to a troublesome *Head*, and break, and are  
 ' call'd *Bubo's*. Then IT *heals*, *strengthens*, and restores  
 ' the *Tone* of the *Seminal Vessels*, and other *Parts* weaken'd  
 ' and dilated by ill Medicines, over *straining*, too much  
 ' *Purging*, &c. to their ancient *Springyness*, and *Vi-*  
 ' *gour*; and lastly, SO perfectly compleats the *Cure*, by  
 ' taking away the *Running*, (or *Owzing*, or *Gleet*, after  
 ' a former ill *Cure*) that NONE will be disappointed  
 ' in any *COMMON Clap*, who will but be pleas'd  
 ' to try it: And MORE I cannot say of it.

The above-written *Account* of the *Specifick's* curing a  
*Common Clap* only, is taken from our *Author's 4th Edition*;  
 but is in every One of his Other *Editions*; excepting  
 that there are some few Words in the *Passage* here tran-  
 scribed, appropriating the *Specifick* to the *Cure* of a *Clap*,  
 exclusive of the *Pox*; which Words in the succeeding  
*Editions* are left out; and that properly enough, seeing  
 in all those *Editions*, our *Author* has assur'd the World  
 his *Specifick* cures every *State* and *Degree* of the *Secret*  
*Disease*. And which, indeed, if it will not do, it can-  
 not be a *Specifick* for it; for, ' A *Specifick Remedy* (says  
 our *Author*, in seven or eight of his *Editions* from Dr.  
 Sydenham)

*Sydenham*) 'is that which not only acts *electively* against  
 'some *One Distemper* rather than an *Other*, but which  
 'cures it at all *Times*, in all *Places*, in all *Ages*, *Degrees*,  
 'Sexes, and *Constitutions*, provided it be not past *Cure*.  
 But certainly our *Author* did not well consider what he  
 was about, when in his second, third, and fourth *Editions*  
 he gave us this *Description* of a *Specifick Remedy*; at  
 the same Time call'd his *Little Remedy* a *Specifick* for the  
*Secret Disease*; yet said positively it will not cure the  
 third *Stage* of that *Disease*, but that a *Salivation* will.  
 This was effectually *Unspecificating* his own dear *Little*  
*Remedy* at once: For if it be the *Property*, as he has said  
 it is, of a *Specifick Remedy* to cure when ever the *Disease*  
 be not past *Cure*; and his *Little Remedy* will not cure  
 that *Degree* of the *Secret Disease* which a *Salivation* will  
 cure; then, according to his own *Account* of the *Matter*,  
 his *Little Remedy* can't be a *Specifick* for that *Disease*.  
 It was necessary therefore, in order to set this *Matter* to  
 rights, and to make the *Little Remedy* appear a true *Spe-*  
*cifick* for the *Secret Disease*, that our *Author* should round-  
 ly assert that it will effectually cure that *Disease*, in its  
 very *highest curable Degree*. And this was not necessary  
 to be done only to secure the *People's* entertaining a  
 good *Opinion* of the *Little Remedy's* *Virtue*, but of our  
*Author's* *Sense*: For whilst he call'd his *Little Remedy* a  
*Specifick*, and acknowledg'd it will not answer his own  
*Character* of a *Specifick*, whatever *People* should think of  
 the *Medicine*, they must certainly think him a *Wise-acre*.  
 So that there was, we see, a sufficient *Reason* for our *Author's*  
 ceasing to tell the *World* his *Little Remedy* will  
 not cure the *Pox*, and affirming with *Confidence*, it will  
 cure it, altho' it should be *Truth* and *Matter of Fact*,  
 that he knows no more *Now* of its having any *Virtue*  
 and *Efficacy* against the *Pox*, than he did when he pub-  
 lish'd his 4th *Edition*. But, some *Persons* may be apt to  
 say, if he asserts it will almost *always* do such *Cures*, as,  
 in *Truth*, it will very *seldom* or never do, *People* will be  
 disappointed: And, say I, what then? If *One* be dis-  
 appointed, *Another* won't know it! No *Remedy* (as he  
 has told us) is altogether *infallible*, and every disappointed  
*Person* will presume, that altho' it did not cure him,  
 yet it has certainly cured *Multitudes* of *Others*, tho' he  
 neither

neither knows *whom, when, nor where!* But however these Matters be, the *Little Remedy* is now, not only honour'd with the Title of a *Specifick*, but is, in all Respects, represented as a *Compleat Specifick* for the *Secret Disease*: It cures that *Disease*, as the late *Editions* of the *Practical Scheme* affirm, in every *State* and *Degree* thereof at all *Times*, in all *Places*, in all *Persons*, and in a few *Days Time*, as well as if no such Thing had ever been. This is the *Character* (as is sufficiently known) that the *given-away-Books* now report of the *Specifick Remedy*; only they refer to the *Directions* seal'd up with it, for the exact *Method* (Ed. 16. p. 16.) of *varying, ordering, taking, and assisting* it, in performing the *Cure*. Which *Directions* I will present you with next; that you may see what a compleat *Harmony* and *Agreement* there is between the *Account* in the *Practical Scheme*, and the seal'd up *Directions* about the *Specifick's* answering ALL *Intentions* of *Cure*, without taking ANY Thing else (in a COMMON Clap, at least) in a FEW Days Time, without SLIP-SLOPS of *Physick, Suspicion, Confinement*, or telling One's Case to any One; and this too with *Pleasure, Ease, Safety, &c.* But as the *Practical Scheme* has undergone sixteen *Impressions*, so the *Direction-Papers*, for the Use of the *Specifick*, have been reprinted, I believe; almost (if not altogether) as often, and every Time, as near as I can observe, with *Alterations*. Some that I have seen, contain'd 12 *Pages*, Others but 8; Some with an *Appendix*, and Others without. That which I shall transcribe from, consists only of 8 *Pages*, without any *Appendix*; and was (as I know by a *Marginal Correction*, with the Pen) printed at the Time the eleventh Edition of the *Practical Scheme* was given away; when, it must be own'd, our *Author* had had Time enough to correct and amend these *Directions*, by putting in, or leaving out, what to himself seem'd necessary. As I transcribe these *Directions*, I shall intersperse some few Things from his later *Directions*, and some *Observations* and *Remarks* of my own.

*Directions.*] *Directions* for the Use of the *Specifick Remedy*. Some general *Directions* which regard equally all the three Stages of the *Secret Disease*. When ever this *Specifick Remedy* is taken, it must be in the Manner following.



ing. First, stir it very well together with the Point of a Knife, that its liquid and solid Parts may be well mix'd and incorporated together; because the thick Part of it always settles something hardish at the Bottom of the Gallypot, unless it be well stirr'd up, and mix'd together.

*Remarks.*] Here is a sufficient Proof, that this Remedy is only a Galenical Mixture, and not a Chymical Extract, as our Author (Ed. 5th, 6th, and 7th, p. 63.) boastingly pretends: For, a Chymical Extract is, in all its Parts, Homogene, and wants no stirring together, as Galenical Mixtures do. Our Author, in the Place cited, intimates that his Specifick consists of Vegetable and Mineral Ingredients; which I believe to be true enough: For altho' he has not said Bals. Capiv. Colocynth. and Mer. D. or Calomel. are Part of the Composition, yet, I think, any Man skill'd in Medicines may easily discover those three Ingredients in it; and Mercury, in soft Mixtures, always subsides and lies, as he says, hardish at the Bottom of the Pot.

*Directions.*] Take the Quantity of a large Pea, Morning and Night, or as much as will give 3 or 4 Stools in 24 Hours; and if this Quantity gives more than 3 or 4 Stools in 24 Hours, then take less, or not so often of it, (as for Example, only Morning or Night) for more Stools are not requisite, but fatigue the Patient too much; and if you find it too much, or inconvenient to take it so often, you may miss now and then a Day. Whenever you take it, you may go abroad indeed, but still better if you keep your self moderately warm at Home; and be sure, if you can, get a Draught or two of warm Broth, Posset-Drink, Gruel, or some such Thing, some Time after it. During your Illness, don't be let Blood, nor use any great Exercise, but abtain as much as you can from Dancing, Riding, Running, Jumping, &c. and live regular, but especially Chaste; for to inflame the Blood, stir up the Humours, and increase the Malignity by fast Living, whilst the Person is under Cure, is to undo with One Hand what is done with the Other, and is the Reason why so few are Cured. Abstain from all Salt and Spiced Meats, strong, stale, SOUR, SHARP, and distill'd Liquors, as Stout, Punch, Brandy, and such like. But the more you drink of soft, small, smooth Liquors,



Liquors, such as Milk, Milk and Water, (warm'd a little in very cold Weather) Whey, Broths, (especially if plenty of Turnips are boil'd therein, which are very good for you) Gruel, Barley-Water, Sage, Green, or indeed any Sort of Tea, (but Bohea Tea is best for you) Milk-Coffee, &c. or indeed any thing that has Milk in it the better, for which Reason Milk-Pottage, Milk-Coffee, and Tea, and such like Things with Milk in them, are very good for you. But especially during your Heat of Urine. Drink plentifully as often as you can any of the abovemention'd Things; because the plentiful drinking of these small, soft, smooth Liquors, not only dilutes and washes the Blood, but also blunts and corrects the sharp acrid Particles of the Urine, from whence proceeds the Uneasiness in making it, and so causes it to come away the easier; so that always take this for a general Rule, that the more you make Water, the better it is for you: And indeed we find by Experience, that great Drinkers of any of the abovemention'd Things, always make a great deal of Urine. Gentlemen may drink now and then with Moderation, a Glass of good mellow, soft, smooth Wine, such as White Lisbon. The Breach of any of these Articles is so entirely opposite to your Cure, that it will retard it more in one Day, than the best of Remedies can forward it perhaps in a Month.

*Remarks.*] Our Author's Specifick, you see, requires the same Regimen other moderate Purgatives do; that is, that Care be taken not to catch Cold, something drank warm whilst it operates, &c. So that here is no extraordinary Privacy. Our Author's Directions about Diet, Exercise, &c. above transcrib'd, being (tho' proper, yet) not very distinct and plain, I shall here set down my own Thoughts on that Subject: 1. In a Clap, whilst the Person takes Purgative Physick, in order to remove the Infection, a moderate spare Diet should be observ'd; and which ought to consist of Things Succulent and easy of Digestion; such as boil'd Veal, Lamb, Mutton, Beef, (not much salted) Poultry, Rabbits, fresh Fish, Broath, and Water-Gruel, especially that with Currants boil'd in it. As to Drink, Small-Beer, Oat-Ale, Ale, Ale-Purl; of Wines, Canary, white Lisbon, and new Rhenish are best:

But the *best* of all *Liquors* in a *Clap* is good *Mead*, or *Metheglin*: *Coffee*, *Tea*, and *Chocolate*, are not at all injurious. 2. When the *Infection* is remov'd, and *Medicines* are taken in order to cure the *Weeping*, and bring the weaken'd *Parts* to their due *Tone*; a more drying *Diet* (if it may conveniently be had) should be us'd; *Meat Roasted*, rather than that which is *boil'd*, is to be chosen; but only the *leanest* Part thereof eaten, *fat Meat* and *Butter* being now very injurious; but *Cheese* is not so: *Strong Broths*, *Jellies*, &c. are very proper; so are (for poor People) *Neets Feet*, *Trotters*, &c. most *Garden-stuff*, and *Fruits*, eaten in *Quantity*, are injurious: *Almonds*, and *Raisons* are very good in any Time of the *Cure*; and the *Use* of *Tobacco* cannot be hurtful. If you drink any *Punch*, take care it be genuine, not very strong, and that you drink not too much of it. Towards the *End* of the *Cure*, *Red Wine*, in Moderation, need not be dreaded. But throughout the *Cure*, *Meats* that are very fat, as also *Butter*; all *Eatables* of hard *Digestion*; as also *Stale Beer*, *Brandy*, and all *sharp* and *hot Liquors* ought to be avoided. Yet have I cured some *Hundreds* of *Persons*, who, throughout all the Time of their *Cure*, kept, in all *Respects* (*Temperance* and *Sobriety* being observ'd) to their usual *Ways* of *Eating* and *Drinking*. 3. He that has a *Clap* upon him, ought to be very cautious of engaging in any violent *Exercise*; first, because it more *relaxes* and *weakens* the *Parts* from whence the *Fleeing* flows, increases the *Running*, and thereby retards the *Cure*; it being possible that violent *Exercise* should (as it sometimes does) bring a *Running* on *Men*, and the *Whites* on *Women*, shews this to be true. Secondly, violent *Exercise* puts all the *Fluids* in the *Body* into a more brisk *Motion* than they would otherwise be in, whereby the *Infection* is the sooner dispers'd all the *Body* over, and a *Confirm'd Pox* occasion'd; yet, of all *Exercise*, that of a *Venereal Rencontre* is, during a *Man's* having a *Clap*, of most pernicious *Consequence*. But after a severe *Course* of *Physick* for a *Confirm'd Pox*, moderate *Exercise* in the *Country Air*, is very serviceable; because it induces a *Fermentation* in the *Blood*, and assists in bringing it to its due *Order* and *Texture*, in which principally *Health* consists.

consists. 4 Whereas many *Persons*, under the *Misfortune* of this disgraceful and pernicious *Disease*, (especially modest *Women* injur'd by their *Husbands*) are very apt to be *pensive, thoughtful, melancholly, and dejected*; I must inform them, that keeping themselves in such an *Uneasiness* of Mind, and *Fear* of never being well cured, is very much to their *Prejudice*, and hinders the *Cure*.

*Directions.*] For the more easy taking the *Remedy*, the best Way is, to put a little of any Sort of *Syrup*, as of *Marsh-Mallows, Poppies, &c.* into a Spoon; (but the very best *Syrup* of all, without Dispute, for this Use, is *Syrup* of *Buckthorn*, to be had at any *Apothecary's* for 3 d. an Ounce) then to put about the Quantity of a large *Pea* of the *Remedy* (which, if you will, you may first wrap up in *Leaf-Gold, a Wafer, Skin* of a *Codlin*, or a *Raison*, or any such Thing) into a Spoon, and put a little more *Syrup* over it, and so sup it off, and you'll not taste it.

*Remarks.*] According to this *Direction*, any *Pills* and *Bolus's* may be pretty easily gotten down. Our *Author* prefers *Syrup* of *Buckthorn*, because that, being a *Purgative*, will assist the *Specifick*, which ought to be taken in something that is pleasant, or otherwise be well wrap'd up; for the *Bals. Cap.* and *Colocynthis* (commonly call'd *Bitter Apple*) render it a more disagreeable *Bitter* than either *Aloes*, or *Soot*; therefore not diledtable to be tasted.

*Directions.*] *Bathing* and *Sweating* are good throughout the whole *Cure*.

*Remarks.*] The Use of *Bathing*, and *Sweating*, and *Purgatives*, all at one Time, and that for curing a *Clap*, certainly never was the *Advice* of a *Physician*. But probably our *Author* does it to avoid *Suspicion, Confinement, &c.* However, after the *Infection* of a virulent *Gonorrhœa* is off, the Use of the *Cold Bath*, and *Bathing* in *Cold Water*, in a due Time of Year, is beneficial.

*Directions.*] I could have seal'd up with the *Specifick Remedy* several of those little *Things* which I shall hereafter prescribe; but they being to be us'd soon after they are made up, (or else they will lose a great deal of their *Virtue*) and it being uncertain how long they may lie in the *Shop* unfold, I thought (since the Charge



of them is not great) it the *honestest Way*; by far, to write down here the faithful *Receipts* of them, and so let the *Patient* get them made up *fresh*, and then they'll be as effectual again, to what they would have been, had they been seal'd up with the *Remedy*, and lain for some Time unfold in the *Shop*. Whenever therefore I shall here prescribe any Thing to be taken by the *Patient*, my Meaning is, that he write out the *Prescription* from this little *Book*, ( for which Reason I shall take care to explain my self clearly ) and call in at any *Apothecary's Shop* in his Walks, as he goes about his Business, and shew them the Paper which he has writ out, and they'll make up the Thing for him presently, without any more ado, for a small Charge, and never know what Use the Buyer designs it for. By which Means you'll always have the Things fresh, which otherwise would not keep their Virtues. But as for the *Specifick Remedy*, and *Powders*, they'll be as good some Years hence as they are now.

*Remarks.*] I begin to find *Work* is cut out for our *Patient*, first, he must write out (or, if he can't write himself, he must get some *blind Man*; for One that can See, will discover what the Thing is for, by the *Direction Paper* he writes it from, to do it for him) what *Receipt*, or *Receipts* he wants to have made up; and away to an *Apothecary*, who, upon viewing the *Note*, cries out, Whose Writing is this, *Sir*? Mine, *Sir*, says the *Patient*, (*softly and blushing.*) Pray, *Sir*, what may it be for, says the *Pothecary*, (*staring him hard in the Face?*) Make it up, make it up, *Sir*, says the *Patient*, turning his *Head* another Way, drawing his *Hat* over his *Eyes*, and swearing (to himself) the *Pothecary* is a cunning Dog, and has certainly smok'd the *Matter*. At length, the *Receipt* is made up, and deliver'd by the *Pothecary* with a *Smile*; and receiv'd by our *Patient* (if he be a Man of any *Modesty*) with a *Blush*, and an affected demure Countenance: And being once got safe out of the *Shop*, he swears he'll not come in that *Street* any more of a *Month*, when, God wot, he may have another *Errand* of the same Sort to go on in 24 Hours Time. The *Specifick Remedy*, and *Powders*, our *Author* says, will keep good some Years: But Mr. Lovel says,



says, when he sold this *Specifick Remedy*, its *Author* us'd to come almost every Day to his *Shop* to change the *Pots*, because the *Medicine* would ferment and *spue* out. An excellent *Composition* to be carry'd to the *East* and *West Indies*, as its *Author* (Ed. 16. p. 26.) says it may be! And in *St. James's Evening Post*, July 12, 1716, he says a *Chest* full of it (believe him if you can) was sent for, and accordingly sent to *New York*! Note, A very small *Chest*, at his *Price*, will hold 10000 l. Worth. But that Part of the *Original Composition* which caus'd it to ferment, is (I believe) now left out; so that it will keep much longer in Order. But may not the *Medicine* be the worse for that *Alteration*?

*Directions.*] You may buy a *Syringe* at any *Pewterer's* for 8 d. Ask for a *Man's Syringe*; some call it a *but-pointed Syringe*.

*Remarks.*] Suppose the *Patient* be a *Woman*, must she ask for a *Man's Syringe* too? Or, must she not ask for a *Womb Syringe*? Besides, should the *Pewterer* happen to have a little more *Sense* than his *Syringes*, would he not certainly guess what *Use* these *Syringes* are to be put to? Our *Author* has many pretty *Ways* to prevent *Suspicion*.

*Directions.*] To make the *Lotion* mention'd in the *Practical Scheme*; mix well the *Lotion Powder*, the whole Pot of it, in a Pint of *Spring Water*, in a *Bottle*, and shake the *Bottle* very well always before you use it. Warm it always *Blood-warm* before you use it, which you may do *privately* in your *Chamber* in a little *Tin Sancer* over a *Candle*. And if you put a Spoonful or two of *Brandy* to the Pint, it will be still the better; warm also *Milk* always before you inject it. Don't be afraid of *Syringing* your self; for it will be so far from hurting you, that you'll not even feel it, when you squirt the *Liquor* into your *private Parts*; keep the *Liquor* in as long as you can. The best *Tin Sauce-pan* for your *Use*, is such an One as *Nurses* warm *Childrens Pap* in, and to be bought for 2 d. at any *Tin-shop*. So that any *Gentleman* may, after he is retir'd at Night from *Company* to his *Chamber*, warm this over a *Candle*, if he has no *Fire*, and do this all himself with little or no *Trouble*. When you use your *Syringe*, you must put the

End

End of it into the Liquor, and draw the Squirr to and fro, till you find it makes a good Stream; then having drawn it a little above half Way, take it out of the Liquor, and draw the Squirr about half an Inch more out, that it may suck in a little Air; then apply it to the Part, and keeping the End of the Syringe close in the Orifice of the Urinary Passage, squirt it in; if you draw not a little Air, it will stabber and spill aside.

*Remarks.* The last Lines here contain apt Directions for the Use of a Syringe; and all Injections ought to be us'd Blood-warm. If any Stiptick, Astringent, Drying, or Healing Injection be us'd in a Clap, before the Infection be carry'd off, as it will help to stop the Running, so it will contribute towards poxing the Patient. Whether our Author's be of that Tribe, may be judg'd by tasting either his Powder, or the Liquor it shall be mix'd in; for dissolve it seems it will not: So that at best it can be but a slovenly Medicine. However, probably you may find much Ease and Pleasure in the Use on't, avoid Slip-Slops, Suspicion, &c.

*Directions.*] If you have a Running, tye two Tapes to two Corners of a Handkerchief, and tye it about your Middle under your Shirt, to prevent being discover'd by your foul Linnen.

*Remarks.*] If you be neat, and not a little lazy, instead of tying the Tapes and Handkerchief together, you'll stitch them.

*Directions.*] If there be Occasion to apply any Balsam or Plaister to your private Parts, you had best get a Piece of Leather, made like the Finger of a Glove, with a Hole in it to make Water through, and keep it on over all, ty'd by two Strings round your Waste.

*Remarks.*] Here seems almost as much Bustle, as if no Specifick was concern'd in the Care.

*Directions.*] Throughout the WHOLE Cure, whatever Stage your Condition belong to, you must be sure to keep the Urinary Passage open; for the more you make Water, the better, especially during your Heat of Urine: In order to which, take a Tea Spoonful of this Diuretick Powder 3 or 4 Times a-Day, in a Glass of Milk, Whey, Spring-Water, or Wine and Water mix'd and sweeten'd with Sugar. The Powder is this:

Take

Take Sal Prunella 3 Drams, vitrolated Tartar 1 Dram;  
both in fine Powder, and mix'd together.

It will cost you *three Pence*: Or, rather than fail, only Salt of *Prunella*, alone. But above any thing, if you'l be but at the *Trouble* of getting it, the following *Drink* is the only Thing perhaps in the World to cool you, to ease your Pain, to cleanse the *Urinary Passage*, and to make you make *Water* plentifully, and carry off a great deal of the *Malignity* by *Urine*.

*Remarks.*] Bless us! Were we not told the *Specifick*, in any common *Clap*, would, without taking ANY Thing else, answer ALL the *Intentions* of *Cure*? Now we are directed to make a *Drink* to cool, ease Pain, cleanse the *Urinary Passage*, and carry off the *Malignity*! And what then will remain for the *Specifick* to do? But, let's see what this most excellent *Drink* is.

*Directions.*] Take Damask-Rose Water a Pint; rectify'd Spirit of Wine two Ounces, Oyl of Sulphur, and Oyl of Vitriol, of each once Ounce and a Quarter, Spirit of Salt one Ounce. Mix them. 'Twill cost about 18 d.

Keep this *Mixture* in a Bottle, to use in the Manner following: Take of this *Mixture* an Ounce, or an Ounce and Half, (which I reckon is about two Spoonfuls;) put it into a Quart of Spring Water, mix them well together, and taste it: If it is of a Sharpness grateful enough to drink, 'tis well; but if 'tis too sharp, put a little more Water to it: If it is not sharp enough, put some few Drops more of the *Mixture*, till in fine, 'tis palatable enough to drink: Then sweeten it with double-refin'd Sugar, so as to be pretty pleasant; and drink plentifully of it as often as you please, even almost for your common *Drink*. This will cool you, ease your Pain, and, together with the *Specifick Remedy*, strike at the Root of the *Malignity*, and help considerably to carry it off by *Urine*. Drink often in the Day of it.

*Remarks.*] Our Author told us, That this Disease consists in a Corrosive Acid Ferment; and that its true Method



thod of Cure must consist, in searching, attractive, alcalescent, healing *Medicines*; loaded with volatile, sulphureous, oleagenous, globular, and smooth *Particles*: Notwithstanding which, he here prescribes Oyl of *Vitriol*, Oyl of *Sulphur*, and *Spirit of Salt*, which are the most violent, and most corrosive *Acids* (*Aqua-fortis* excepted) known in the World; as very conducive to the Cure of this *Disease*. In the Beginning (too) of these *Directions*, he strictly forbids the drinking any sharp and sour *Liquors*; and directs the drinking plentifully of *Milk*, *Milk and Water*, *Milk-Coffee*, *Milk-Tea*, &c. But here he directs the making a *Mixture*, as sharp as it will be palatable, with the most violent of *Acids* and *Water*, to be drank of every Day, and that often, during the whole Cure! Does our learned *Author* think Oyl of *Vitriol*, Oyl of *Sulphur*, and *Spirit of Salt*, are *Alcalies*? Or does he think that *They* and *Milk* are nearly of One and the same *Nature*, and endu'd with much One, and the same *Qualities*, that he has order'd them both to be drank of so liberally at one and the same *Time*? Certainly he either does not heed, or does not know what he writes.

*Directions.*] If you have any *Soreness* in your *Mouth* or *Throat*, wash it often with the following *Mixture*,

Take *Plantain-Water* half a Pint, *Syrup of Mulberries* two Ounces, *Roach Allum* in Powder, and *Honey*, of each a Drachm; mix them.

Keep the *Mixture* in a *Bottle*, to wash at Times your *Mouth* and *Throat* with. If you have not *Plantain Water*, use fair *Water*. Thus far *Directions* in general: Now I'll proceed to give *Directions* particular to every *Stage*.

#### *Directions for the first Stage.*

Before first take some few *Doses* of the *Specifick Remedy*, as above order'd, for a few Days, after which, mix the *Lotion Powder* with a Pint of *Water*, as just now mention'd, and syringe your self 2 or 3 Times a Day with it, and use 5 or 6 *Syringe* fulls at least each Time; but always first, if you can, syringe your self with 4 or 5 *Syringe* fulls of warm *Milk*: Also, if you have any outward



outward *Soreness, Frettings, Wheals, Pimples, Blisters, Shankers, &c.* wash them with a Bit of *Spunge, or Rag*, dipt in the *Lotion*; and when your Pint of *Lotion* be done, use afterwards, both in this and the second *Stage*, warm *Milk* instead of it, both to syringe your self with, and also to wash outwardly with, whatever *Soreness, Frettings, Wheals, Pimples, Blisters, Shankers, &c.* you may have, and lay on them a little Piece of *Diachylon Plaster*, spread with a warm Knife, on a Bit of *Linnen-Cloth*; you may buy a Pennyworth at any *Apothecary's*: But by no Means leave off taking the *Specifick Remedy*, for fear of leaving any lurking *Malignity* behind, it being certainly One of the best Things in the whole World to root out the *Infection*.

*Remarks.]* My *Thoughts* about using *styptick, astringent, &c. Injections*, I have told you already. *Milk* injected warm, will a little abate the *Pain* in an *Heat of Urine*; and not otherwise do (so far as I know) either *Good* or *Hurt*; and if this *Lotion Liqueur* be of the Nature of *Milk*, the same may be said of that: But I suspect it to be *Vitriolick* and *Aluminous*, in which Case it will (being us'd before the *Infection* be off, as he directs it should) be of very pernicious Consequence.

*Directions.]* *Directions* for the second *Stage*.

You must first proceed as just now order'd for the first *Stage*, 'till the *Matter* that runs is become perfectly white, ropy, and glutinous, which will be in a few Days, if the *Directions* here prescrib'd be but punctually observ'd, and then the *Specifick Remedy* need not be taken so often; and if the *Running* be not entirely gone, you must take this following *Jelly*, but not before the *Malignity* is well carry'd off: For after a Person has been duly cleans'd of all *Infection* and *Malignity*, sometimes there will remain, from the *Weakness* of the *Parts*, a small *Gleet* and *Running*, which if you think to take entirely away by *Purging*, you may almost as soon purge their *Lives* away; so that then some *Healer* must be us'd, of which none in the World is better than this following: When therefore a Person has taken of the *Specifick Remedy*, 'till the *Matter* that runs is become

perfectly white, glutinous, and ropy, then they must take this following *Jelly*.

Take a Pint of Red-Rose Water, put one Ounce of Gum Tragant into it, in a Gally-pot, let it soak 24 or 30 Hours, strain it through a Cloth; it will be thick like Frumity: Then put into it half a Pound of Loaf-Sugar in Powder, grate in one whole Nutmeg; then mix, stir, and beat it very well together, and keep it in a Gally-pot.

Take about *Half a Spoonful* at a Time, every 3 or 4 Hours: 'Tis extraordinary pleasant to take, being just the same, in a Manner; as *Harts-horn*, or other fine *Jellies*. This will corroborate and strengthen all the weaken'd Seed Vessels, and take away entirely the *Gleet*, and is so pleasant and pretty a Thing to take, and so cheap and easy to make, that no Person can find any Fault with it: It will cost you about 18d. Make it up your self privately.

*Remarks.*] In the *Practical Scheme* we were told, That ONE innocent Thing, the *Specifick Remedy*, without taking ANY other Thing, would answer ALL Intentions of Cure, find out the *Infection*, and expel it: Then heal and strengthen the Parts, and SO perfectly compleat the Cure, by taking away the *Running*, (nay, the *Onzings* and *Gleet* after a former ill Cure) that NONE would be disappointed in any COMMON Clap. In the *Directions* we are order'd to get an Oyl of *Vitriol*, *Spirit of Salt*, and Oyl of *Sulphur Liquor* made, and to drink of that daily, and often in the Day, to cool and cleanse the *Urinary Passage*, ease the Pain, and carry off (or help to carry off, as he imagines) the *Malignity*! And, the *Malignity* being gone, to get a *Gum-Jelly* made, and to take a Dose of that every three or four Hours; as also (on the same Days) a Dose of the Oyl of *Vitriol*, Oyl of *Sulphur*, and *Spirit of Salt Liquor*, which must (says he) be continu'd throughout the whole Cure. However, he is, I can assure you, much more favourable in the Matter now, than he was about a Year and half or two Years ago; when, in his seal'd up *Directions*, instead of this *Jelly*, he advis'd *Two* several

ral *Drinks*, besides a strengthening *Electuary*. One of those *Drinks* he order'd to be made with *Strasburg Turpentine* one Ounce, Yolks of two *Eggs*, and new *Milk* two *Quarts*, well mix'd, and brought into a *Liquor*, which is easily done. Of this *Liquor* he advis'd half a *Pint*, or better, to be taken *Morning, Noon, and Night*; or near a *Pint Morning and Evening* only, 'till the *Gleet* should be gone. He advis'd the buying above half a *Pound* of *Turpentine* at the *Drugsters*; which will make about 16 *Quarts* (according to his own *Directions*) of *Turpentine Liquor*. And at the same Time this *Turpentine-Drink* was to be taken, the *Oyl of Virioli*, *Oyl of Sulphur*, and *Spirit of Salt Liquor* was to be drank too. Then, says he, (in those old *Directions*, p. 6.) a Good *Diet-Drink* is of great *Use* throughout the whole *Cure*, in any of its three *Stages*, to alter, sweeten, and absurd the *Acid* of the *Blood* and *Lympha*. Now of all *Diet-Drinks*, the following (says he) is the best in the *World*, (and then he sets down a common *Receipt* of a drying *Diet-Drink* :) But (says he) above all the *Diet-Drinks* in the *World*, (if you will but go to the Charge of it) whether for the first, second, or third *Stage* of the *Disease*, is the *Volatile Salt of Vipers*, taken to the *Quantity* of 10 or 12 *Grains* every *Morning and Night*, when you do not take the *Specifick Remedy*, in a *Glass of Sack*; it gives the *Sack* a *Flavour* but no *Taste*. It will cost about 30s. an *Ounce*. Then, says he, (in the above-mention'd old *Directions*, p. 8.) if the *Running* be not entirely gone,

Take boil'd *Turpentine* one Ounce, *Dragons Blood*, and five *Bole*, of each two *Drams*, *Crabs Eyes* three *Drams*, two *Nutmegs*, *Lucatella's Balsam* half an Ounce, and with *Syrup of July-Flowers* make an *Electuary*.

Of which he advises you to take the *Quantity* of a *Nutmeg* every *Morning*, at four in the *Afternoon*, and at *Night*. But now, instead of these three *Remedies*, you are only to take a *Jelly*!

*Directions.*] You must a little be your own *Surgeon*, if you will be cured privately, there is nothing to be

said ; for I do not pretend that the *Specifick Remedy* will perform a *Surgeon's Part*, no more than it will cure a *Bubo* actually broke : No, in such Cases you must give a *helping Hand* a little your self, as I mention'd expressly in the little *Treatise* of the *Venereal Distemper*, which I have writ, entitled, *A Practical Scheme of the Secret Disease*, in order not to **DECEIVE** any Person in the Performance of their *Cure*, by making them believe **MORE** than they will find, when they come to it ; I have therefore given here *Elbow Room* for any Person who is but so pleas'd to go thro' the *Cure* themselves.

*Remarks.*] Had our *Author* really intended not to deceive Persons, in Relation to what his *Specifick Remedy* will do in the *Cure* of the *Secret Disease*, instead of *sealing up* his *Directions* with his *Remedy*, he would certainly have tack'd them to his *Practical Scheme*, to the End that whosoever should, by that *Pamphlet*, be inform'd what *Cures* his *Specifick* will perform in the *Secret Disease*, might, at the same Time, be inform'd, what *Assistance* it requires in performing those *Cures*. And then, I am sure, the whole *Affair* would have born a more honest Countenance than it does now.

*Directions.*] If you have any *Soreness* or *Inflammation*, spread with a warm Knife, a little *Diachylon* on a Bit of Linnen Cloth, and bind it on. But if the *Soreness* be from the *Parts* being fretted, and raw, little *Pimples*, *Wheals*, or *Pustules* broke out, and consequently so very bad as not to yield to this mild *Application*, which sometimes perhaps in some Persons it may not do, according to the *Degree* of *Malignity* receiv'd. Get the following *Mixture* made up by an *Apothecary*, and apply it on *Lint*, and bind it on a little Bit of Linnen Rag, over the *Soreness*, and it will, in 2 or 3 Times using, certainly give you *Ease* and cure it ; 'tis this :

Take Balsam of Capiivi, Balsam of Peru, and Mercurius Dulcis in fine Powder, of each two Drams, Honey of Roses three Drams, mix them all well together like an Ointment.

'Tis the most certain Thing in the World, for all *Venereal Wheals*, *Shankers*, *Pustules*, *Pimples*, *Frettings*,  
*Raninesses*,



*Ranunculus*, or other such *Breakings-out*. Renew it two or three times a Day privately your self. 'Twill cost you about 8d. or 9d. But if there be only an *Inflammation*, *Swelling*, and *Cordee*, without any such little *Pimples*, *Wheals*, or *Pustules* broke out as just now mention'd, then get *this* following Mixture made up.

Take the best Bole Armenick in fine Powder one Ounce, Camphire in Powder a Dram and half, Brandy or Spirit of Wine enough to make it into an Ointment.

Lay some of it on a *Bit of Linnen Rag* over the *Inflammation*, and renew it as often as 'tis dry. 'Tis a most admirable good Thing, and will not fail, I assure you. 'Twill cost about 4d. Whilst you have this *Inflammation*, *Soreness*, and *Cordee*, you must wash often the Part, first with warm *Milk*, or rather three or four times a Day hold it a while in warm *Milk*, and *syringe* it first with *Milk*, and then with the *Lotion*.

I have here prescrib'd a few easy Things, which will not keep long after they are made up; and therefore I should have been very unjust to have seal'd any of them up with the *Specifick Remedy*, to have lain some Time unfold, and then to have had no Effect. These Things any One may get made up by any *Apothecary*, as I have mention'd, for the small inconsiderable Charge of perhaps a *Shilling* or two, nay, sometimes less, which otherwise they must go to a *Surgeon* for, and perhaps pay three or four *Guineas* for.

*Remarks.*] Our *Author* has taken Care the *Apothecaries* and *Surgeons* shall not cheat his *Patients*: But what *Assurance* have we he will not cheat them himself? May not, think you, an honest and skilful *Surgeon* better deserve three or four *Guineas* for making a few proper and effectual *Applications*, (though of Things of small Price) than our *Author* one *Guinea* for a small Pot of his little *Remedy*, that requires such great *Assistance* in curing a small *Clap*?

*Directions.*] If by Chance you should have a *Bubo* broke, besure draw it well with some *Basilicon Ointment*, apply'd on *Lint*, with a *Paracelsus Plaister* over it.

Draw

Draw it as long as any *Matter* is in it, and then heal it with a *Diachylon Plaster*.

If one or both your *Testicles* are inflam'd, swell'd, or sore, make up the following *Pultice*. Take a Pint of *Bean Flower*, three or four Spoonfuls of *Brandy*, and *Vinegar* enough to make it into a *Pultice*, and apply it as warm as you can bear it, and keep it on with a *Bag-Truss*, or *Purse*, which you may make fit for the Part of *Fustian* or *Linnen*, or rather of a *Sheep's Bladder*. If you get at any *Apothecary's* half an Ounce of *Camphire* in fine Powder, (to do which, a few Drops of *Spirit of Wine* must be put into the *Mortar* along with it, or else 'tis impossible ever to powder it) and put to it, 'twill be still so much the more effectual. You may have a Pint of *Bean Flower* at any *Meal-Shop*, or *Corn-Chandler's*, for about a Penny. Renew it two or three times a Day, 'till 'tis well, which will be in a few Days, and then commonly the *Running* returns, which whilst the *Swelling* lasts, oftentimes ceases. 'Twill cost about 6d.

Now, this *Remedy* being to fall into the Hands of all Sorts of Persons, whose Cases are never all alike, 'twill happen that some Persons Conditions may require many of the Things I here prescribe, although others may not. Therefore I must endeavour to accommodate the *Directions* to all Cases, that no Persons may be at a Stand, or be puzzled in their *Cure*. I must therefore advise my *Reader*, if his *Clap* be so good-natur'd as to require nothing else but the *Specifick Remedy*, not to take it ill at least, that I prescribe some few other Things for Others, whose Case may not be so favourable as his.

If you have any *Excreescences*, commonly call'd *Caruncles*, in the *Urinary Passage*, or any carious *Bones*, (but that is what not two in an hundred have) you cannot in this Case manage your self, but must apply to a *Surgeon*.

*Remarks.*] In Case of a *Phimoisis* and *Paraphimosis*, Symptoms that usually attend *Claps*, and of which our *Author* has not taken one Word of Notice, you must apply to a *Surgeon* or *Physician*, as well as in Case of *Caruncles*. And now I have describ'd so much (and so much only) of our *Author's Directions* for the Use of his *Specifick*,

*Specifick*, as relate to the *curing* the first and second *Stages* of the *Secret Disease*, that is, a *Clap*. And (HERE) I would willingly have every one who shall have read over so much of these *Directions* as I have hitherto transcrib'd, seriously reflect and consider, 1. Whether it be probable (or indeed possible) that any *Physician* could communicate the *Receipt* of this little *Remedy* (whatever it be) as a *Specifick* for *Claps*, so certain in its *Effects*, as not to miss curing *Two Persons* in an *Hundred*, and assure this from his own *Knowledge*, and the *Experience* of another *Physician*, who should have had about forty *Years Tryal* of it. If we imagine a *Physician* communicated this *Medicine*, we must suppose he communicated the *Directions* too: And what *Physician* will ever account that *Medicine* a *Specifick*, or a *Secret* for any *Disease*, that must be assisted as our *Author* has endeavour'd to assist his *Specifick* in the *Cure* of a *Clap*? Not to take *Notice* how silly and unworthy a *Physician's Pen* the *Prescriptions* and *Aids* are he has set down. 2. Let it be also consider'd, from the *Number* and *Nature* of these aiding *Prescriptions*, how probable 'tis, and likely to be true, that our *Author* made that long and great *Tryal* of this little *Remedy* in common *Claps*, that he pretends he did, before he publish'd it to be sold. 3. Consider how much *Truth* there was in our *Author's* affirming, that that *One* innocent *Thing*, without taking any *Thing* else, answers ALL the *Intentions* of *Cure*; IT finds out the *Infection*; IT disperses *Swellings* in their *Infancy*; IT *heals* and *strengthens*; and SO perfectly compleats the *Cure*, by taking away the *Running*, that NONE shall be disappointed in any COMMON *Clap*, that will but be pleas'd to try it! Nay, that any ONE (Ed. 5th, 6th, 7th, p. 36.) will bless the happy *Day* they ever try'd it! So that (Ed. 5th, 6th, 7th, p. 39.) what *nauseous Pills*, *Powders*, *Drinks*, *Salivations*, and other pernicious *Astringents*, *Mercurial*, and tedious *Methods* of *Cure* perform altogether, going round about the *Bush*, and exposing the *Patient's Reputation* into the *Bargain*, this little *Remedy* does privately a nearer *Way Home*! O *Truth*, *Truth* wert't thou, when our *Author* wrote this?

*Directions*

*Directions for the third Stage.*

*Directions.*] First take one of the three *Papers* of *Powder* seal'd up with the *Parcel*, in a little *Syrup*, *Treacle*, or *Conserve* of *Roses*. Take it about five or six a Clock in the *Evening*. About three Quarters of an *Hour* after 'tis taken, 'twill begin to work both, by *Vomit* and *Stool*. Until it does begin to work, don't take any Thing; but after every *Vomit*, drink plentifully of *Water-Gruel* or *Pesset-Drink*; you can't well drink too much. After it has done working, which will be all over in about two Hours Time, get a little *Mace Ale*, or *mull'd Sack*, and go to *Bed*. Miss the next Day, and the *third Day* take another *Paper* in the same Manner. Miss again a Day, and then take the third *Paper* also after the same Manner. 'Tis safe, gentle, and easy in its *Operation*.

Next get this following *Electuary* made up by an *Apothecary*.

Take *Virginia Snake Root* in Powder half an Ounce, *Zedoary Root* in Powder two Drams, *Saffron* half a Dram; Powder of *Vipers*, and volatile Salt of *Vipers*, of each two Drams; Oil of *Amber*, and *Camphire* in Powder, of each a Dram; *Venice Treacle* an Ounce: Make them into an *Electuary* with Syrup of *Coral*.

Of this *Electuary* you must take the *Quantity* of a large *Nutmeg* Morning and Night every Day; 'twill not purge, but strike at the Blood to rectify it. Now, altho' I prescribe this *Electuary* for this *Stage*; yet, if any Person would but take of it now and then in the other *Stages*, 'twould perform *Wonders* in their *Cure*; as also after all *Cures* of *Claps* for Security Sake, least the *Blood* may be infected.

At some convenient *Distance*, as two or three times a *Week*, you must take of the *Specifick Remedy*, to carry off the *Infection*, which the just now mention'd *Electuary* will throw out of the *Blood* and *Juices*; so that ALL the *Venercal Taint* will soon yield to this *Electuary* and the *Specifick Remedy*. But this I mention for those



those who are pleas'd to use it ; not as absolutely necessary, but *ad melius esse* ; because 'tis pretty dear. But those Persons whose *Case* is unfortunately the *third Stage* of this *Disease*, must consider how many there are in the World who spend 20 or 30 Pounds to get cured of this *Stage*, and perhaps in the End are scarce cured neither ; there being a great deal of Difference between the curing a *Clap* and the *Pox*.

Those *Gentlemen* who are so averse from taking *Physick*, that they cannot take this *Electuary*, let them take volatile Salt of *Vipers*, which is equally AS good in the present *Case*, as the just now mention'd *Electuary* ; and this, whether for the *first*, *second*, or even *third Stage* of the *Disease*, if taken with the *Specifick Remedy* in the Manner following, *viz.* If you take the *Specifick Remedy* only at *Night*, and not the *Morning* following, then take that *Morning* following of the Salt of *Vipers* ; if you take the *Specifick Remedy* only in the *Morning*, then take the Salt of *Vipers* the *Night* before : And on any *Day* when you don't take the *Specifick Remedy* at all, then take the Salt of *Vipers* both *Morning* and *Night*, and at *Noon* too in the Manner following : Weigh out about 10 or 12 Grains of it, if 15 there is no Harm ; put it into a Spoonful of *Sack*, and drink it clean off. It gives the *Sack* a *Flavour*, and no more *Taste*, than if you only put a little *Sugar* into it ; and consequently is so neat, pretty, cleanly, and easy a Thing to take, that no one can refuse it. And 'tis certain, that a Person even *pox'd* shall be cured by the *Specifick Remedy* in above half the Time, if he also take (as I just now mention'd) the Salt of *Vipers*, than he would if he did not take it ; and the same may be said of the other *Stages*, it being so great a *Secret*, if us'd with the *Specifick Remedy*, that the *Effect* of it will be even stupendious. Don't go to an *Apothecary* for this Salt, because very few have it ; but they'l give you Salt of *Harts-Horn* for it, which is not half so good. But go to some *Chymist*, 'twill cost you at least 30s. an Ounce. Whatever *Stage* your *Condition* is, you'l thank me for this *Advice*, (and that heartily too) if you use this Salt as I have here set down.

*Remarks.*] Thus we see all the *Assistance* our *Author* has assign'd his little *Remedy* against the Great *P O X*, consist in three *Papers* of an *Emetick Powder*, and either an *Electuary*, or (in Place of it) the *volatile Salt of Vipers*, which he also pretends are very good in *Claps*, and accordingly advises his clapt *Patients* to take them; or one (it matters not which) of them, to hasten the *Cure*; so that this little *Remedy* wants not near so many *Assistants* in encountering with the *Pox*, as in grappling with a *Clap*. As to *Antimonial Emeticks*, (of which his *vomiting Powder* is assuredly one Kind) he formerly (Ed. 5th, 6th, 7th, p. 21) told us, (tho' foolishly and falsely) that any *common Vomits* will do as much *Good*; and that they are as *nice Things* as can be to fix the *Distemper* on the *Lungs*, and ruin the *Patient*. But our *Author* then wrote about another Man's *Antimonial Vomits*, not his own. As to his *Viperine Electuary*, and *volatile Salt of Vipers*, they are infallibly very *noble Medicines* for *Hysterick Fits*, *Vapours*, *Melancholy*, and on some other *Occasions*; but not, so far as I know, or see any Reason to believe, in removing and carrying off the *Venom* and *Infection* of either a *Pox* or *Clap*. However, our *Author* has given so very great a *Character* of them, and their stupendious *Effects* in *Venercal Cases*, in *Conjunction* with his *Specifick Remedy*, that it must be a little surprizing to observe him slyly giving them both the *Drop*, and substituting *Another* (and as he now pretends) a better *Medicine* in their Place. In the 14th, 15th, and 16th *Editions* of his *Practical Scheme*, (but never before) he tells us of an *Elixir* for *broken Constitutions*; and in the *Directions* seal'd up, since that Time, with his *Specifick Remedy*, he, in the *Directions* for the *third Stage* of the *Disease*, recommends, as formerly, the Use of three *Papers* of *Emetick Powder*, directs how they are to be taken, and sets down the *Receipt* of the *Viperine Electuary*, and advises the *Quantity* of a large *Nutmeg* to be taken of it every *Morning* and *Night*, as in his other *Directions*; and then say,

' But for those *Persons* who will but be at the *Charge*  
' of it, the only Thing in the *World* for the *third Stage*  
' to be taken along with the *Specifick Remedy*, is the *E-*  
' *lixir* for *broken Constitutions*, mention'd in the 10th  
' Chapter

Chapter of the 14th (and following) Editions of the *Practical Scheme* of the *Secret Disease*, according to the *Directions* seal'd up with it, where the Manner is plainly and clearly set down how it is to be taken along with the *Specifick Remedy* for this Stage. But for those Persons who are not inclin'd to have this *Elixir*, then the just now mention'd *Electuary* is the NEXT best Thing they can get. And altho' I prescribe this *Elixir* for this Stage, yet if ANY Person will but take of it now and then in the other Stages, 'twould perform Wonders in their Cure; as also after ALL Cures of Claps for Security Sake, lest the Blood may be infected.

At some convenient Distances, as two or three times a Week, you must take of the *Specifick Remedy* to carry off the Infection, which the just now mention'd *Elixir* will throw out of the Blood and Juices; so that all the Venereal Taint will soon yield to this *Elixir*, and the *Specifick Remedy*. And again I must add, that even in the first and second Stage of a Clap, as well as in the third Degree, call'd the Pox, in some certain Constitutions and Degrees of Infection receiv'd, where the Cure goes on but slowly, by Reason of the Patient's particular Temper and Constitution of Body, (no two Persons being equally alike easy to be cured) this *Elixir* is the only Thing in the World to be taken with the *Specifick Remedy*, to hasten and forward the Cure. Just as two Horses will draw a Cart two or three Miles in one Hour, which one of those Horses in that Time would scarce tug and get along half a Mile. So that all the Venereal Taint of any of the three Stages will soon yield to the Use and Efficacy of BOTH these Remedies join'd together: For the *Elixir* will throw it out of the Blood, and the *Specifick Remedy* will entirely carry it off. But this I mention for those that are pleas'd to use it, not as absolutely necessary, but *ad melius esse*, because of its Price. But those Persons whose Case is unfortunately the third Stage of this Disease, must consider how many there are in the World, who spend 20 or 30 Pounds to get cured of this Stage, and perhaps in the End are scarce cured neither, there being a great Difference between the



curing of a *Clap* and the *Pox*; and consequently I hope they will not take it at all ill, that I prescribe two *Remedies* for the *Cure* of this third rivited *Stage*. And 'tis certain, that a *Person* in any of the three *Stages* shall be cured by the *Specifick Remedy* in about half the *Time*, if they also take this *Elixir* along with it, according to the *Directions* seal'd up with the *Elixir*: For these *Remedies* being join'd together, they act jointly in *Conjunction* with each other, in order to root entirely out of the *Blood* the *Venereal Infection*, and to carry it off, just in the same *Manner* as has been mention'd in the *Example* of the two *Horses* drawing a *Cart*, which one could not so well get along. This *Elixir* being so great a *Secret*, if us'd with the *Specifick Remedy*, that the *Effects* of it will be even stupendious.

Thus you see our *Author* has, in his late *Directions*, attributed to his new *Elixir* the very same *Virtues* he, in his former *Directions*, attributed to the *Viperine Electuary*, and the *volatile Salt of Vipers*: And that his *Elixir* is neither *Viperine*, nor of the *Nature* either of *Vipers* or their *volatile Salt*, is very plain from his affirming, in the 14th, 15th, and 16th *Editions* of his *Practical Scheme*, (p. 27) that it contains in its self the *Virtues* of most *Diet-Drinks*, brought by *Chymistry* into a small *Compass*; and his owning in the *Directions* for its *Use*, that it is gently *purgative*, and will give two or three *Stools* in 24 *Hours*. Now, *Vipers* and their *volatile Salt* are Things not us'd in *Diet-Drinks*, neither are they, or our *Author's Viperine Electuary*, at all *purgative*. How then comes it about, that our *Author's* new *Elixir*, which he owns to be *purgative*, and to be extracted from such *Ingredients* as most *Diet-Drinks* are compos'd of, which are *Guajacum*, *Sarsafra*s, *Sarsaparilla*, &c. so exactly to correspond in its *Nature*, *Qualities*, and *Efficacy* in *Venereal Cases*, with the *Viperine Electuary*, and the *volatile Salt of Vipers*, as that our *Author* should recommend *That* to the *World* now, for the same *Purposes* he formerly recommended the *Electuary of Vipers*, and their *volatile Salt*, and that in almost the very same *Words*? I know of but *One Way* by which this *Matter* can be rationally accounted for, and *That* a very plain and homely



homely One, namely, on a *Supposition*, THAT our Author always puts down what comes uppermost, without concerning himself whether it be true or false: ALWAYS provided it may serve his present Purpose, and be (in his Conceit) for his Advantage.

And now I conceive the principal Part of my Title Page is effectually made good: The Secret Disease in its three several Stages and Degrees has been (tho' not very regularly, yet) plainly describ'd; and the Specifick Remedy, which has of late cured so many with Ease, Safety, Certainty, Privacy, and Expedition; without Slip-slops of Physick, Suspicion, Confinement, &c. AS RELATED in the Practical Scheme of the Secret Disease, dedicated to Dr. Paul Chamberlaine, has herein been discover'd and made known. My Meaning is, That the said Specifick Remedy, by what has been here wrote about it, is effectually discover'd and made known (in my Opinion) to be none Other than a mere — what d'ye call it — And an — Aye marry is it — on them that buy it! However, probably Some, by what has been here said of it, may be prompted to buy it, and take it, and Others to pursue other Measures in order to a Cure. Every One as to them shall seem best. But, in all Likelyhood, there may be Some (too) who imagin'd, that instead of (or at least, together with) the Discovery made of the Specifick Remedy, as above, I should have made known of what Medicinall Ingredients it is compos'd, and how made up; that is, in plain English, that I should have set down its Receipt: And really, if I knew it, so I would, but I declare solemnly, its Receipt was never communicated to me, by any one Person or another, since the World began: Nor can I say, that I am sure I know exactly what it is; but I am sure, from the Author's own Directions for its Use, that it is not what will answer to the Character given of it in the Practical Scheme; and all that I do know, in Relation to its Composition, you shall know presently. Our ingenious Author, in the 14th, 15th, and 16th Editions of the Practical Scheme (p. 21.) says, 'And for the farther Satisfaction of the World, I must here tell my Reader, that this Specifick Remedy is that Medicine which the famous Dr. Wall was continually banking after, and aim'd at; and which

' which all his Life-time he was endeavouring to obtain  
 ' and find out; and offer'd a great *Sum* of *Money* for,  
 ' but could never get it. At last he made up a certain  
 ' *Medicine* in Imitation of it, which, for a long Time,  
 ' had a prodigious *Run* in the World, by HIS *Name*, at  
 ' a *Guinea* Price: And altho' it was only a weak fade  
 ' *Resemblance* of this, being only to it what a *Beam* of  
 ' the *Sun* is to the *Sun* it self, a small *Rivulet* to its *Foun-*  
 ' *tain*, or a *Shadow* to its *Substance*; yet he got a great  
 ' *Reputation* by it, and a certain *Injection* he us'd with it.  
 All this shews there is a very considerable *Likeness* be-  
 tween our *Author's* admirable *Specifick*, and Dr. *Wall's* fa-  
 mous *Medicine*; the *One* is made in *Imitation* of the *Other*,  
 which is in reality the *Counterfeit*, let them say that can;  
 and let Others *think*. But our learned *Author* has given  
 us a little more Light into the Matter, in the 5th, 6th,  
 and 7th Editions of the *Practical Scheme*, (p. 50.) in these  
 Words, viz. ' Of all the *Methods* of *Cure* for this *Distem-*  
 ' *per* ever yet propos'd by ANY, (even the famous  
 ' *WALL* himself, whose *Secret* I have in *Manuscript* by  
 ' me, and which upon *COMPARING* them together,  
 ' I am convinc'd does not come near it) few are easier  
 ' than this.' Now from this *Passage* it is very plain, that  
 our *Author's* *Secret*, and Dr. *Wall's* *Secret* are (tho' not  
 altogether the same, yet) VERY much ALIKE: For,  
 otherwise our *Author* needed not to have compar'd their  
 several *Receipts* together in order to determine which of  
 them is the best *Medicine*, as you see he acknowledges  
 he has done. And that our inquisitive and learned  
*Author* may in Truth have got Dr. *Wall's* *Secret* by him  
 in *Manuscript*, is probable enough from his having, in  
 some Editions of his *Practical Scheme*, referr'd to the 2d  
 Edition of Dr. Cockburn's late *Treatise* of a *Gonorrhœa*,  
 where (p. 157.) the *Receipt* of Dr. *Wall's* *Secret*, call'd  
 his *Electuary*, is in Print, and is as follows:

#### Dr. Wall's Electuary.

Rx. Pulp. Cass. recent. extract. ʒij. Bals. Cappyvi ʒi. Merc.  
 Dulc. Ocul. Cancr. preparator. Sal. Prunel. āā ʒi. Sal.  
 volatil. Succin. ʒiv. Syrup. de Alth. Fernel, q. s. M. F.  
 Conditum; de quo capiat magnitudinem Nuc. moscat.  
 major. bis terve de die.

That

That is in *English*,

Take Pulp of Cassia fresh drawn two Ounces, Balsam of Capyvi one Ounce, sweet Mercury, Crabs Eyes prepar'd, and Salt Prunel, of each one Dram, volatile Salt of Amber four Drams, and make them into an Electuary with Syrup of Marsh-Mallows. Let the Patient take the Quantity of a large Nutmeg of it twice or thrice a Day.

With this *Electuary* Dr. Wall is said to have got Reputation, and an *Estate*: But he did not (for I was personally acquainted with him) pretend this *Electuary* to be a *Specifick* for any *State* or *Degree* of the *Secret Disease*: He, as he saw, or thought, proper, us'd other *Medicines* to remove and carry off the *Infection*, and *Malignity* of the *Distemper*: Notwithstanding which, that he might oblige his *Patients* (the best Way to get *Money* and *Credit*) with a more than ordinary speedy *Cure*, he so frequently made Use of this his *Balsamick Electuary*, before it was really proper, and (as our *Author* says) of a certain *Injection*, as that (long before he dy'd) he was more talk'd of for *poxing* his *clap'd Patients*, than he was at first for curing them in less Time than other Men did. But this *Electuary*, we are to suppose, (and that truly enough) is only like our *Author's* rare *Specifick*, and is not the very same Thing.

But in the Year 1712, one Mr. Woodman, who writes himself *Practitioner in Physick, and Surgery*, publish'd a *Tract*, entitled, *Medicus Novissimus*; or, the *Modern Physician*, in which he treats of a *Gonorrhœa*; and having set down the *Receipts* of a Variety of *Medicines* for its *Cure*, at length (p. 302.) he sets down the *Receipt* of an *Electuary*, communicated (he says) to him by an *Ancient Practitioner*; and an *Abstract* of what he says of this his *Old Friend's Medicine*, is, That that ONE *Medicine* had cured several *Claps* and *Gonorrhœa's*; IT (says he) answers ALL *Intentions* of *Cure*; IT takes off the *Malignity*; IT is a *Diuretick*; (that is, works chiefly by *Urine*) IT suddenly takes off a *Heat* of *Urine*; IT *heals*; IT *strengthens*; and IT *astringes* (that is, takes away) the *Running*; (which is compleating the *Cure*) IT may be



be carry'd in the *Patient's Pocket* ; IT works so easily and gently, that neither the *Patient's Countenance*, nor Manner of *Living*, can betray him to be under such *Circumstances* to the nearest *Relation* or *Friend* he converses with : Thus Mr. Woodman. And our *Author*, as you may see by turning to *Page 28, 29.* of this Book, has us'd the very same *Words* and *Phrases*, in giving ( *at first* ) an *Account* of what he pretends his *Specifick* will do. Besides, Mr. Woodman (as our *Author* in some of his seal'd up *Directions* has done) recommends, as proper throughout the whole *Cure*; a drying *Diet-Drink*, &c. So that I firmly believe our *Author*, in giving an *Account* of the *Virtues* of his *Specifick*, laid Mr. Woodman's Book before him, and ( *facile est inventis addere* ) enlarg'd on what he there found said by Mr. Woodman of his Ancient Practitioner's *Prescription*, taking Care always to thrust in, with *Exemplifications*, whatever material and significant *Words* and *Phrases* Mr. Woodman had us'd ; and that, having compleated his own *Account* from Mr. Woodman's as a *Pattern*, he got a Quantity of Mr. Woodman's *Electuary*, made up by some *Apothecary*, put it himself privately into small *Gallypots*, call'd it the *Specifick Remedy*, and left it, with Papers of *Directions* for its Use, at the *Shops* to be sold. However, I will now set down the *Receipt* of Mr. Woodman's *Electuary*, and which you may, if you so please, entitle,

#### The *Specifick Remedy*.

Take Lenitive *Electuary* two Ounces, Sal *Prunella* three Drams, Powder of *Rheubarb* two Drams, Troches of *Agarick*, and of *Alhandal*, of each one Dram and an Half, *Diaphoretick Antimony*, burnt *Harts-horn* prepar'd, sweet *Mercury* finely levigated, and *Rosin* of *Jallap*, of each one Dram, with a sufficient Quantity of *Balsam Capivi* ; make an *Electuary*, by beating them an Hour or two in a Mortar.

The Dose is the Quantity of a *Nutmeg*, more or less, according to the *Constitution*, and *Age* of the *Patient*, every Morning and Night, or as much (so also says our *Author*



*Author of his Specifick*) as will give 3 or 4 Stools in 24 Hours ; for more purging is not requir'd.

This *Receipt* and *Dr. Wall's* (as our *Author* suggests his and *Dr. Wall's* does) agree in the principal *Ingredients* of the *Medicine* ; and consequently they cannot be widely different in their *Virtues* and *Efficacy*. I am, indeed, a little surpriz'd, that *Mr. Woodman*, who, by his *Treatise*, seems an ingenious and skilful Man, should attribute to this communicated *Electuary* so many *Virtues* more than what he could imagine it possess'd of. But, in all Probability, he did it in Complement to a doating Old Friend, who had given him the *Receipt*. And, indeed, as he design'd his *Book* for the Use of *Practitioners*, who would know when and how to use this *Electuary* properly ; and at the same Time set down the *Receipts* of many other *Medicines*, that, as Occasion should require, might be us'd with it, his bestowing a few extraordinary *Flourishes* on this his old Friend's *Prescription*, was excusable enough ; being no more than what many other *Authors* have done in Relation to *Medicines* of very little Worth. But it must be acknowledg'd, that such *Encomiums* on worthless *Medicines* many Times misguide young *Practitioners*, and oftner those who know nothing in *Practical Physick*, (as I am confident our *Author* does not) but from Books. The *Lenitive Electuary* and *Sal Prunella* will certainly make this *Electuary* ferment and spue out in hot Weather, as our *Author's* did, when *Mr. Lovel* sold it for him ; but the *Lenitive Electuary*, *Diaphoretick Antimony*, and burnt *Harts-horn*, being left out of the *Composition*, the *Medicine* (and thereupon every Dose of it) will be much reduc'd in *Quantity*, keep much longer in Order, and not be very much alter'd in its *Qualities* and *Operation* ; and being after some such Manner reform'd, it is, I believe, now sold under the Title of the *Specifick Remedy*. The *Troches Albandal* are only *Colocynthis* (call'd usually *Bitter Apple*) prepar'd, and render the *Medicine* of a nauseous bitter Taste, in which Respect this *Electuary* must give place to *Dr. Wall's*, which is much more pleasant. But I never did, and do believe I never shall, make use of (or prescribe) either of them ; because I am sure I know much better *Medicines*.

I expect some will, by Way of *Objection*, be apt to say, in Case the *Specifick Remedy* will not answer the *Character* given of it in the *Practical Scheme*, how came Dr. Paul Chamberlaine, who is an eminent *Physician*, to allow its being recommended to the World in his Name? To which my *Answer* is, That Dr. Paul Chamberlaine himself can give the *best Account* of that *Matter*; therefore ask him. However, I can assure you, that Dr. Chamberlaine, when consulted on the Point, is far from asserting that either our *Author's Specifick* or *Elixir* will really answer the *Character* given of them in the *Practical Scheme*, as you may see by his *Answer* to the following *Letter*, which I my self sent to Dr. Chamberlaine, viz.

SIR,

Sept. 1st, 1716

HAVING gotten a little Book call'd, the *Practical Scheme*, at Mrs. Garway's, I find your Name in it, and thereupon resolv'd to request your *Opinion* of the *Author* and *Medicine* before I buy it; therefore beg you'll inform me, by a Line or two, whether you know or believe, that the *Medicine* call'd the *Specifick Remedy*, will really answer the *Character* given of it in the *Practical Scheme*. I should also be glad to know who the *Author* is, and where to wait on him. I request your *Answer*, because I must speedily take something, who am,

Direct yours, for Mr. J. S.  
to be left at Tom's Coffee-  
house, Cornhill, 'till call'd  
for.

SIR,

Your humble Servant  
unknown,

J. S.

Superscrib'd,

For Dr. Paul Chamberlaine, at his  
House in Great Suffolk Street,  
near Charing-Cross.

The Doctor's *Answer* is contain'd in the following  
*Certificate*, viz.

These are to certify, that I George Taylor, in Falcon-  
Court, Southmark, did, by the Directions of Dr. Spinke,  
Yesterday, being Sept. 7th, 1716, shew a *Letter* to Dr.  
Chamberlaine,

*Chamberlaine*, at his House in *Great Suffolk-Street*, near *Charing-Cross*, wrote in the following Words, viz.

S I R,

Sept. 1st, 1716.

I *Answer* to yours, I must own the *Medicine* you mention is an extraordinary good *Specifick* as any *Panacea* can be; but I cannot say it will answer all *Matters ascrib'd* to it by the *Author*, who may magnify his own as he pleases; nor have I any *Commission* to name him, nor can I assure you of a *Cure* from it, unless I were thoroughly acquainted with your present *Complaint*, which it is impossible I should, while you remain a *Stranger*, I shall only let you understand, that it is very good to cure a *crazy Constitution*, that has been ill treated and salivated by the *Ignorant*; 'tis also very good for the *Evil*, which I hope may satisfy your *Curiosity*, from  
Yours, P. C.

You may be farther satisfy'd, if you please to come to my *House* in *Great Suffolk-Street* any *Morning*, 'till 10 a-Clock; and every *Afternoon* from 2 'till 6, except *Mondays*, when you may hear of me at the *Hannover Coffee-house* in *Finch-Lane* from 5 'till 7.

Superscrib'd, For Mr. J. S. to be left at *Tom's Coffee-house*, *Cornhill*, 'till call'd for.

And I the said *George Taylor* farther certify, that by the *Directions* of the said *Dr. Spinke*, I ask'd the said *Dr. Chamberlaine* whether that was his *Letter*, who own'd it was; whereupon I told him, the *Person's Case*, who desir'd his *Advice*, was an old ill cured *Pox*, of about two Years standing, but now broken out on the *Head*, and some other *Parts*, and desir'd him to tell me, whether the *Medicines* mention'd in the *Practical Scheme* would make a *Cure* in such a *Case*; to which the *Doctor* reply'd, they may do some *Good*; but the only *Method* for a *Cure* will be a *Salivation*; in which the *Person* need not be kept above 8 or 9 Days. Witness my Hand this 8th Day of *September* 1716.

*George Taylor.*

To render Dr. Chamberlaine's Letter more intelligible to some of my Readers, 'tis necessary to take Notice, that a *Specifick* is a *Medicine* peculiarly appropriated to the Cure of some *One Disease*: And a *Panacea* is a *Medicine* (said to be) good against *All Diseases*: So that to say *this* or *that Medicine* is as good a *Specifick* as any *Panacea* can be, is, in Effect, saying, That such a *Medicine* is as good a *Specifick* for such a *Disease* as any *Medicine* can be, that is good against all *Diseases*: And we have a *Proverb* which says, *That which is good for Every Thing, is good for Nothing*. In short, either the first Lines of the Doctor's Letter were run off without Consideration; or else they were design'd (which I rather think) as an ironnical Banter on our Author, who has entituled his *Little Remedy* very boastingly a *Specifick* for the *Secret Disease*, and yet (as doubtless Dr. Chamberlaine must needs have taken Notice) has, in some Editions of his *Practical Scheme*, represented it as a real *Panacea*: I'll quote the Passage, Ed. 5th, 6th, and 7th, p. 40, 41. ' Besides, ' it can do no *Harm*, suppose it were to do no *Good*, ' which still is no small Commendation of a *Medicine*, ' which is to make its own Way in the World. For if ' it finds but *little Infection*, as in *fresh Injuries*, it finds ' out what is, at least, wheresoever it lurks, and carries ' it off, together with all REMAINS of *Mercury*, (of- ' tentimes the worse *Evil* of the two) after former ' Cures. If it finds no present *Infection*, (as in a *Suspi-* ' *cion* only of *Injuries*) it sweetens, cleanses, and puri- ' fies the *Blod*, carrying out of IT, and the Body, ' ALL the Remains of former *Venereal Infections* and ' *Mercury*, tho' of many Years standing, causing *Scabs*, ' *Breakings-out*, and other such troublesome and dis- ' graceful *Eruptions* in the Body, together with all foul ' *Scorbutick Humours*, strengthening the *Constitution*, and ' preserving *Health*; and is an extraordinary good Thing ' for *Gentlemen* and others, who drink much, to keep ' by them, to take a little of now and then, from Time ' to Time, to carry off the ill Effects of bad *Wine*, and ' other *Liquors*, *Surfeits*, *Indigestions*, hard *Drinking*, and ' other *Disorders*; carrying away at once, what otherwise ' would lay the Foundation of a *Fit* of *Sickness*; and ' therefore will be found to be a good Thing for any ' One



' One to take a little of at any Time, altho' they have  
 ' NOTHING of the *Distemper* 'tis here levell'd at, and  
 ' whose Nature it is to root out, because it can do no  
 ' One any Harm, (*for a Sucking Child may take it*) and  
 ' always will do some Good or other; there being scarce  
 ' any Person but has SOME *Illness* or other to be carry'd  
 ' off, or whose *Blood* wants to be cleans'd, and purify'd.  
 ' And, indeed, this *Article* I look upon as no small  
 ' One, and which makes me set a greater Value upon  
 ' this my *Little Remedy*, viz. That it is, *first*, so innocent  
 ' a Thing, that even an *Infant* may take it, which I  
 ' am sure would not be true, were it any dangerous  
 ' *Mercurial* or *Antimonial Preparation*: *Secondly*, That 'tis  
 ' so necessary a Thing, that 'twill always do some Good  
 ' or other, even to Persons never so well in Health; and  
 ' consequently, were even EVERY individual Person in  
 ' the *Kingdom* to take of it, it would SUPPLY what-  
 ' ever want they CAN have of ANY *Physick*, whe-  
 ' ther for THIS *Distemper*, or any Other *Ailment* what-  
 ' soever, as the *Scurvy*, *Gout*, *Rheumatism*, *Dropsy*, *Gra-*  
 ' *vel*, *Cholick*, or any other *Illness* that proceeds from  
 ' a foul Blood.

Thus you see, as our *Author* has, in some Parts of  
 his *Practical Scheme*, pretended his *Little Remedy* to be a  
*Specifick* for the *Secret Disease*; so he has in other Parts  
 thereof (for more or less of this last cited *Passage* is in  
 every of his Editions) represented it as a *Panacæa*, so  
 very efficacious against all *Diseases*, as that it will sup-  
 ply whatever Want any One can have of any *Physick*,  
 whether for the *Secret Disease*, or any other *Ailment*  
 whatsoever, proceeding from a foul Blood. Why there-  
 fore should I not think Dr. *Chamberlaine's* Saying of our  
 Author's *Little Remedy*, that it is an extraordinary good  
*Specifick* as any *Panacæa* can be, was by him design'd as  
 a Banter on our *Author* for this his foolish Ostentation  
 and Vanity? Especially considering the *Doctor*, in the  
 subsequent Part of his *Letter*, owns, in express Words,  
 that he cannot say this Remedy will answer all the Matters  
 ascrib'd to it by the *Author*, who, says he, may magnify his  
 own as he pleases: By which the *Doctor* must design to be  
 understood, that the *Author* had (in his Opinion) magni-  
 fy'd his *Little Remedy*, beyond its due Merits. After  
 which,

which, he goes on, like a real Honest and Skilful Physician, (and would not, to serve his *Friend*, impose on a *Stranger*) saying, *Nor can I assure you of a Cure from it, unless I were thoroughly acquainted with your present Complaint, which it is impossible I should, whilst you remain a Stranger.* Our Author communicated to Dr. Chamberlaine, on the 29th of November 1715, (as he says in the *Epistle dedicatory* in the 14th, 15th, and 16th Editions of his *Practical Scheme*) the whole Secret, and Preparation of this Medicine: So that we may presume Dr. Chamberlaine to be as good a Judge (at least) as our Author, of the *Virtue* and *Efficacy* of this Medicine, yet he will not (as our Author does) assure those of a Cure from it, whose present Complaint he is unacquainted with: But, instead of such a *Quackish Assurance*, and putting Persons, right or wrong, on buying the Medicine, and then on governing themselves according to seal'd up Directions, stuff'd with whimsical Receipts, pick'd out of Books, he, as any skilful and honest Physician would do, directs the complaining Patient to apply to himself (not to an Old Woman in a Shop) to relate his Case, and receive Advice about it. And altho' the expected Patient never attended him; yet when a Messenger went with the Doctor's Letter in his Hand, and related the suppos'd Patient's Case, the Doctor ingenuously sent Word back by the Messenger, that altho' the Medicines recommended in his Friend's Book as effectual in such Cures, might do some Good, yet the only Method for a Cure would be a Salivation. So when I my self (who then was, and still am, a Stranger to him) waited on the Doctor at his House, informing him of a Person (as the Case really was) who had taken of the *Specifick Remedy* in a fresh Clap, and was presently seiz'd with a Tumour in the *Scrotum*; he receiv'd me with all the Candour imaginable, freely own'd the *Specifick Remedy*, by reason of the Balsam of *Capyvi* contain'd in it, is not very proper in fresh Claps; but, said he, if Persons will run and buy and take Things on their own Heads, who can help it?

## C H A P. IX:

## Of Specifick Remedies in General.

*And of a true Specifick for the Secret Disease.*

‘ **W**HEN Occult *Aristotelian Qualities* began to lose  
 ‘ Ground in the *Schools*, and give Way to the  
 ‘ *Cartesian Philosophy*, the *Phænomena* of Nature began to  
 ‘ appear in so much a clearer *Light*, as they were made  
 ‘ to appear more consistent with Reason. *Physick* above  
 ‘ all bore the greatest Share of Advantage from this new  
 ‘ *System*, whole *Mechanick Principles* set it in a clearer  
 ‘ *View* than ever it was before, by reconciling rationally  
 ‘ *Causes* and *Effects*.

‘ A *Specifick Remedy*, says Dr. Sydenham, is that which  
 ‘ not only acts *electively* against some one *Distemper*, ra-  
 ‘ ther than *Another*. but which *cures* it at all *Times*, in  
 ‘ all *Places*, in all *Ages*, *Degrees*, *Sexes*, and *Constitutions*;  
 ‘ provided it be not past *Cure*. Now ’tis certain there  
 ‘ are such *Remedies* as these, by reason of a peculiar  
 ‘ *Disposition*, *Texture*, *Order*, and *Motion* of their *Parts*,  
 ‘ which render them fitter to insinuate themselves into,  
 ‘ and encounter with the *Morbifick Matter* of One *Di-*  
 ‘ *stemper* more than *Another*. Thus the *Bark* is a *Speci-*  
 ‘ *sick* against *Fevers*; *Scurvy-grass* the *Scurvy*; *Opium*  
 ‘ causes *Sleep*; *Spanish Flies* violently affect the *Urine*  
 ‘ only; and so of many more. Hence the ingenious  
 ‘ Mr. Boyle has wrote a whole *Treatise* of the Agreeable-  
 ‘ ness of *Specifick Remedies* with the *Mechanical* and *Cor-*  
 ‘ *puscular Philosophy*, by reason of a particular *Texture*,  
 ‘ *Order*, *Motion*, and *Activity* of their *Particles*, more  
 ‘ or less agreeable to the *Acids* or *Alcalies* of the *Distem-*  
 ‘ *pers* they are to encounter with. Thus we see many  
 ‘ have happily succeeded in the Use of some One *Speci-*  
 ‘ *sick Remedy*, by which they have done almost Won-  
 ‘ ders. Dr. Davison, a Physician formerly to the *French*  
 ‘ King,

' King, acquir'd such a Reputation by a *Specifick* 'Anti-  
 ' venereal Remedy he had, that the Physicians of Paris gave  
 ' him 20000 Pistoles for discovering it to them. One  
 ' Gianatus, a Surgeon, receiv'd 2000 Crowns of Charles the  
 ' IXth King of France, as a Reward for the Success of  
 ' an *Antivenereal Specifick* he cur'd the same King with.  
 ' Another, one Pena, a Physician at Paris, cured Henry  
 ' the IIIrd, of France, of this Disease with One peculiar  
 ' *Specifick Medicine*, which he had learn'd of a Turk,  
 ' after the King was given over by his Physicians. Not ma-  
 ' ny Years since, Sir Rob. Talbor in France, and Sir Kenelm  
 ' Digby here in England, cured almost every One by their  
 ' *Specificks* against Fevers, and so of many more.

' Hence it appears evidently, that *Distempers* have  
 ' their *Specificks*; and most certain it is, that this *Di-*  
 ' *stemper* has its *Specifick* also. Now if I am NOT that  
 ' LUCKY Man, as exactly to have hit upon IT, at  
 ' least 'till it shall be demonstratively prov'd, that such  
 ' an ONE is discover'd, I cannot for my Life help  
 ' thinking, but that the Remedy I propose, is the ON-  
 ' LY *Specifick* as yet found out.

If all Blunderers were to be Knighted, our Author  
 might certainly expect Honour: For, in the 2d, 3d, and  
 4th Editions of his *Practical Scheme*, he, in many Places,  
 asserted his *Little Remedy* to be a *Specifick* for the *Secret*  
*Disease*, and yet own'd it will not cure the third Degree  
 of that Disease, the Pox, without doing which, it can't,  
 according to his own Account of *Specificks*, be a *Specifick*  
 for that Disease; in his 5th and 6th Editions, he affirm'd  
 it cures all States and Degrees of the *Secret Disease*, even  
 the Pox it self; so that it would then answer his Cha-  
 racter of a *Specifick*: But in what I have above tran-  
 scrib'd from his 7th Edition, and which is Word for  
 Word in his 8th Edition, he gives Reasons (as you see)  
 for why it should (or may) be believ'd, that this *Di-*  
*stemper* has its *Specifick*, and then (after all his Bustle and  
 Noise) plainly discovers a Distrust of his being the  
 Lucky Man who has hit upon it! Nay, to shew more  
 Folly still, subjoins, That 'till it can be prov'd, that  
 such an ONE (that is, a *Specifick*) is discover'd, he  
 can't but think his the ONLY *Specifick* as yet found  
 out! that is, (for it will bear none other Construction)  
 there



there being NONE found out, his is the ONLY One found out ! This is a *Specimen* of our *Author's* *University* *Logick* !

However, I must own, our *Author* has not been aiming at a meer *Non-Entity* : There are (as he has said) *Specifick Remedies*. And there is One *Remedy* (at least) which is as true a *Specifick* for the *Secret Disease*, as any *Medicine* in the *World* is for any other *Disease*. And of this *Specifick* I my self am possess'd, and have had a large and satisfactory *Experience*. And from my own *Experience* of it, I affirm, That this *Specifick* will (soon after 'tis taken) be diffused into all *Parts* of the *Body*, and (being so dispers'd) it will find out, unite, and incorporate with the *Malignity* (be it more or less) of the *Secret Disease*, where-ever it be lodg'd, and will separate it from the *Blood*, and other *Fluids*, and (gradually) carry it all (with it self) entirely out of the *Body* : Where-upon the *Symptoms* of this *Disease*, that is, the *Pains*, *Breakings-out*, *Sores*, *Scabs*, &c. will (whatever *Parts* of the *Body* soever they affected) even presently vanish, and be gone ! So that this *Specifick* does really perform the *Cure* in every *State* and *Degree* of the *Secret Disease*, with more *Ease*, *Safety*, *Privacy*, *Certainty*, and *Expedition*, than any other *Medicine* hitherto discover'd, known, or us'd can do.

This *Specifick* fully answers the *Character* our *Author* has (as above) quoted from *Dr. Sydenham*, of a *Specifick Remedy* : For it not only acts electively (as it were) against the *Venereal Disease* rather than any other ; but effectually cures it at all *Times* ; that is, in hot, cold, or temperate *Weather* : In all *Places* ; that is, in *this*, or any other *Country* : In every *Age* ; that is, of whatever *Age* the *Patient* be : In every *Degree* ; from the most slight *Clap*, to the most confirm'd *Pox*, with whatever *Symptoms* the same be attended : In all *Sexes* ; that is, both in *Men* and *Women* : In all *Constitutions* ; that is, of whatever *Constitution*, or *Habit* of *Body* the *Patient* be : Provided the *Disease* be not (which seldom happens) past *Cure*, and then no *Remedy* can cure. This *Specifick* also cures the *Scurvy*, *Rheumatism*, *Aches* and *Pains* in the *Limbs*, *Breakings-out* in any *Part* of the *Body*, &c. by its excellent *Faculty* of purifying the *Blood*. When there-

fore it is taken (as it often very prudently is) only for *Security* Sake, after a *Venereal Injury* is fear'd, but (perhaps was) not receiv'd, IT, in those Cases, frees the *Blood* of such *Scorbutick* (and other) *Impurities*, as might, in Time, have occasion'd some *Distemper*. In short, it is a very great *Purifyer* of the *Blood*: And, in carrying off the *Old Remains* of the *Secret Disease*, after *Cures* formerly manag'd unskilfully, it is a sure *Remedy*. Its *Price* (that all Persons may be able to purchase it) is but 5 s. the *Dose*; whereas its *Excellency* renders it worth a *Guinea* the *Dose*: For each *Dose* will do more *Good* in any *Venereal Case* than 6 or 8 *Doses* of other *Physick*. And its *Operation* (as made up, for *Common Use*, into small *Pills*) is very gentle, safe, and easy; and does not hinder *Business*.

It must be allow'd, That the *Circumstances* of almost every *Venereal Patient* differ from those of another, as well in *Regard* of the *Patient's Age*, *Sex*, *Habit of Body*, and *Way of Living*, as in *Regard* of the different *Degree of Infection* receiv'd; the *Length of Time* since receiv'd; the *Variety* and *Urgency* of *Symptoms*, &c. which *Matters* render it impossible that every *Person* (seemingly in the like *Case*) should be cured with the same *Number of Doses*: Some Persons will be cured of a *Clap* with but 2 or 3 *Doses* of this *Specifick*; others must take 5 or 6 *Doses*. In a *Pox* 6 or 8 *Doses* are generally requir'd; sometimes 10 or 12 *Doses*. But the *Cure* being certain, what is the *Trouble* and *Charge* of 2 or 3 *Doses* extraordinary? The *Virtues* of this *Specifick* being really as *Great* and *Certain* as above related, they assuredly ought to be made *known* and *publish'd*, for the *Good* and *Welfare* of the *People*, in a *Place* where, and at a *Time* when, so many *Persons* are afflicted with this *Disease*, in one *Degree* or *Another*: And when, and where (too) so many dangerous (or at best, ineffectual) *Medicines* are daily offer'd to the *Publick* in *News-Paper* (and other) *Advertisements*, by conceal'd *Quacks*, and other ignorant *Pretenders* to the *Cure* of this *Disease*. It is but too well known, that many a *Person* of a strong, healthy, and hail *Habit of Body*, by the *Use* of *Mercurial*, *Balsamick*, and *Astringent Medicines*, administer'd by unskilful *Medicasters*, for the *Cure* of a slight *Venereal Infection*, instead of being thereby

by cured, and restor'd to a good State of *Health*, has been render'd of such an infirm, broken, weak, and shatter'd *Constitution*, as will not easily be (by *common Medicines*) brought to rights. Whereas this *Specifick*, in a few Days Time, effectually cures (as I know by 20 Years Experience) any *Degree* of the *Secret Disease*, restores the *Patient* to as perfect *Health* as was before enjoy'd, and (into the *Bargain*) purifies the *Blood*, and frees it from scorbutick, sharp, and diseasy Humours; so that it does really mend (and not like some *Quack Compositions*, impair) an healthful *Constitution*, and good *Habit of Body*.

But (not to lead any One into a *Mistake*) I must acknowledge, that altho' this my *Specifick*, as made up into small *Pills* for common Use, has perform'd some Hundreds of *Cures*, yet it is necessary it should (as the *Specificks* for other *Diseases* daily are) be sometimes vary'd in its *Form*, *Dose*, and Manner of being given, and, as the *Circumstances* of particular *Persons* shall require, be mix'd with, and assisted by other *Medicines*: And then, being so skilfully manag'd, it will effectually answer the *Character* here given of it.

If a second *Edition* of this *Traët* be call'd for, I intend therein to discover the *Materia Medica* of the *Specifick* I here recommend; and to convince all *skilful Physicians* that it will perform all that I have here said of it: And I will also then more fully prove, that the pretended *Specifick Remedy* boasted of in the *Practical Scheme*, cannot possibly answer the *Character* the *Author* of that *Pamphlet* has therein given of it.



## C H A P. X.

*Of a simple Gonorrhœa, Old Gleets, and the Whites in Women.*

**T**Hese are *Weaknesses* and *Infirmities* I should here take no Notice of, were it not that they bear so near a Resemblance to a *Virulent Gonorrhœa*, as that they

can't, by Persons unacquainted therewith, be readily distinguish'd from it:

A *Simple Gonorrhœa* attends Men, and is an involuntary flowing of the *Seed*, the *Caruncles* thro' which it owzes, in the Time of *Coition*, from the Necks of the *Vesiculæ Seminales* into the *Urethra*, being injur'd and corroded, or (at least) so weaken'd and relax'd in their Fibres, as to permit the *Seed* insensibly to flow away. This is an *Infirmity* that may (but seldom does) happen; and when it does, the *Patient* soon waxes lean and feeble, (especially about the *Loins*) is brought into a *Tabes Dorsalis*, and, if not speedily taken Care of, to his *Grave*. This is a *Simple Gonorrhœa*, properly so call'd: But that usually so call'd, is none other than an ordinary *Weeping*, or *Gleet*, free from a *Venercal Infection*, which I shall next describe.

A *Gleet* (properly so call'd) in a Man, is a Flowing of *Matter*, altogether free from a *Venercal Infection*, separated by the *Glandulæ Mucosæ*, or (as sometimes happens) by the *Glandulæ Prostatae*; either of which *Glandules* may, by divers Means, be so weakn'd and relax'd in the Fibres of their excretory Ducts, as to permit a continual Discharge of the Mucilagenous *Humour* they separate, and which, by being permix'd with some corrosive (tho' not *Venercal*) *Particles*, will be so coliquated and alter'd in the Texture and Cohesion of its Particles, as to be converted into a Sort of *Pus*, *Sanies*, or *Matter* that will much resemble that of a *Virulent Gonorrhœa*. But whereas a *Virulent Gonorrhœa* is soon attended with some (nay with many) other *Symptoms* of a *Venercal Infection*, a *Gleet* (being void of that *Infection*) is never accompany'd with any of them: Nor does it weaken and emaciate the *Patient* as a *Simple Gonorrhœa* (properly so call'd) does. Many *Authors*, I know, have wrote otherwise, but Experience (as well as Reason) is against them: For many Persons have been afflicted with *Gleets* from Year to Year, (therefore call'd *Old Gleets*) yet have neither been *pox'd*, nor much weaken'd, or otherwise prejudic'd in their *Healths*.

The *Disease* call'd (*Fluor Albus*) the *Whites* in Women, is analogous to a *Gleet* or *Weeping* (as some call it) in Men. And as the *Glandules* of the *Urethra* in Men, separate



separate that *Matter* which constitutes the *Gleet*, so the *Glandules* of the *Vagina Uteri*, whose excretory *Ducts* are call'd *Lacuna*, separate (usually) the *Matter* that is discharg'd, under the Name of the *Whites* in Women. And altho' Women being of a more cold and moist Habit of Body than Men, are, on that Account and some others, more liable to be afflicted with the *Whites*; than Men with *Gleets*, yet a *Gleet* in Men, and the *Whites* in Women, are but one and the same *Disease*, and owe their *Origin* (very often) to the same *Causes*, which sometimes are *Venereal Rencontres* too frequently repeated; and sometimes other violent *Exercises*, especially in weak and diseas'd *Habits of Body*, &c. But the Truth is, *Gleets* in Men most commonly owe their Beginning to a *virulent Gonorrhœa*, and so very often do the *Whites* in Women: The *Infection* of which being carry'd off, the *Fibres* of the excretory *Ducts* of the *Glandules* in the *Urethra* in Men, and in the *Vagina Uteri* in Women, are not easily (by the *Method* and *Medicines* in common *Practice*) to be restor'd to their pristine Tone; but will remain relax'd, weak, &c. and a *Weeping* (properly call'd a *Gleet* in Men, and the *Whites* in Women) will (especially in an ill *Habit of Body*) for a long Time remain, unless proper Measures be taken for a *Cure*.

Thus I have briefly shewn what a *simple Gonorrhœa*, and what a *Gleet* in Men, and what the *Whites* in Women are: They are all free from any *Infection*, and can never (let *Authors* say what they please) degenerate into the *Venereal Disease*; and in that principally consists their essential Difference from a *virulent Gonorrhœa*: Their formal Difference from that *Disease*, and by which they may be distinguish'd from it, you may learn from the following Particulars, viz.

1. A *simple Gonorrhœa* (under which Term I shall here comprehend, as most *Authors* do, as well a *Gleet*, as a *simple Gonorrhœa* properly so call'd, viz. any *Dripping of Matter* from the *Yard* that is free from a *Venereal Infection*) is seldom attended with an *Heat* and *pricking Pain* in making *Water*, painful *Erections*, or any of the other *Symptoms* that attend a *virulent Gonorrhœa*.

2. In a *simple Gonorrhœa*, the *Matter* that flows is waterish and thin, something glutinous and whitish,  
and

and seldom becomes ill-colour'd, unless in a considerable Time, and in a Diseas'd Habit of Body : But the Matter of a *virulent Gonorrhœa* is more thick, less glutinous, and soon changes to a yellowish or greenish Colour, and stains the Linnen (*which the other does not*) of the same Colour, altho' the Person be (otherwise) in a good State of Health.

3. The Matter of a *simple Gonorrhœa* will not flow, during the Time of an *Erection* ; but the Matter of a *virulent One* will.

4. In a *simple Gonorrhœa* the Patient is seldom inclin'd to *Venery*, which in a *virulent One* he frequently is.

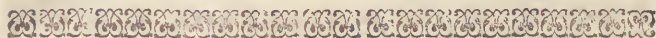
5. The *procuring Cause*, when that can be known, effectually distinguishes these *Infirmities* : For a *simple Gonorrhœa* is the Effect of *over Straining, violent Exercise, Excess of Venery, &c.* But a *virulent Gonorrhœa* is caus'd (as you've seen) by a *Venereal Infection*, receiv'd by an impure *Coiton*.

6. The *Effects* of these *Diseases* distinguish them no less than their *procuring Causes* : For a *simple Gonorrhœa* (properly so call'd) daily renders a Man more and more weak and feeble, brings on him a *Tubes Dorsalis*, and ends in Death. A *virulent Gonorrhœa* is usually attended with other *Symptoms* of the *Secret Disease*. But a *Gleet* scarce weakens at all, but (being free from *Infection*) sometimes remains for several *Years*, and the *Patient* continues all the while strong and healthful.

To distinguish the *Whites* in Women from a *virulent Gonorrhœa*, is a Matter of more Difficulty : For Women, if weakly, are very apt to have the *Whites* ; and sometimes the Woman being of an ill *Habit* of Body, there is so much *Acrimony* attends them, as to cause a slight *Heat of Urine*, and their *Colour* also becomes chang'd. On the other Side, in a *Virulent Gonorrhœa*, if the *Infection* was but slight, the Woman is oftentimes but a little (if at all) molested with an *Heat of Urine* ; nor does the *Matter* that flows, much vary in its Colour. *Baglivi's* Observation seems to be the best *Criterion* of Distinction, *viz.* That in Case the *Matter* continues flowing during the Time the *Menses* flow, (that is, whilst She has *Them*, as the Women express it) and permix together with them, the Woman is undoubted-

ly Clapt : But if the *Matter* ceases during the Time the *Menses* flow, and returns soon after they are gone, her *Disease* is the *Whites* only. Other *Signs*, says he, are fallacious, but this infallible. And indeed, by the Assistance of this *Rule*, and the Consideration of other *Circumstances*, such as the Absence or Presence of other *Symptoms* of a *Veneral Infection*, &c. it may be, with Certainty, determin'd with which of these *Infirmities* a Woman is afflicted.

A *simple Gonorrhœa*, (properly so call'd) is an *Infirmity* that does very seldom happen ; and when it does, generally terminates in Death. A *Gleet* in Men, and the *Whites* in Women, are common *Infirmities* ; and are generally said to be very hard to be cured : And so, indeed, by the usual *Methods* of *Practice* they are : But if proper *Measures* be taken, Men and Women, who are not much in Years, may, in a short Time, and without much Trouble, be freed from those (to neat and cleanly Persons) very disagreeable *Companions*.



## C H A P. XI.

### *Of a broken Constitution, and its Cure.*

OUR *Author* (according to his methodical Way) has made a broken *Constitution*, and its *Cure*, the Subject of the *third* and *tenth* Chapter of the 14th, 15th, and 16th Editions of his *Practical Scheme* : That is, in the *third* Chapter, he has describ'd a *broken Constitution* by its *Symptoms* ; and in the *tenth* he proposes a *Cure* for it. His *Description* of it (in the said *third* Chapter) is as follows : ‘ Besides the three already mention’d *Stages* of the *Secret Disease*, there is yet another much more unhappy *State* in which the greatest Part of Mankind misfortunately find themselves ; which is, a *broken, spoil’d, and ruin’d Constitution* and *Habit* of Body, oftentimes attended with a continual *Gleet*, commonly look’d upon as incurable, (no pleasant *Companion* to a  
‘ clean

' clean neat *Man*, and which in Time will bring a  
 ' *Consumption*) after former ill *Cures*; particularly after  
 ' *Salivations*, and taking of *Mercury*, which ought to  
 ' have been (but was not) well carry'd off; and there-  
 ' fore lies lurking in the very *Bones* of the poor ruin'd  
 ' *Patient*. So that after a *Salivation* is over, and a *Cure*  
 ' seemingly perform'd, commonly there remains several  
 ' pernicious *Symptoms* of the *Disease*; or else some fa-  
 ' tal *Relicks* of the *Mercury* (oftentimes the worse *Evil*  
 ' of the two) which afterwards make a *Havock* in the  
 ' *Body*, and sooner or later will shew themselves by  
 ' *Spots*, *Breakings-out*, *wandering Pains*, *Weakness* and *Pains*  
 ' *in the Back and Loins*, *Trembling in the Joints*, *Weary-*  
 ' *ness* and *Numbness* of the *Limbs*, *Giddiness* in the *Head*,  
 ' *Onzings*, and *small Gleets*, *thick foul offensive Urine*,  
 ' *with Threads*, *Films*, *Skins*, and as it were *Hairs* in it,  
 ' *with a greasy Scum* at the *Top*, and a *thick Matter* set-  
 ' tling at the *Bottom*, with a *Sharpness*, *Pain*, *Heat*, or  
 ' *Stoppage* in the making it, together with several other such  
 ' *Weaknesses* and *Disorders*. Than which, nothing is  
 ' more common after ill manag'd *Cures*, as too many  
 ' unhappy *Persons* daily experience, rendering *Life* en-  
 ' tirely uneasy for Want of *Health*; which is indeed  
 ' its only *Sauce*: For, as *Martial* says, *Non est vivere*  
 ' *sed valere vita*. And thus the poor *Patient*, who for-  
 ' merly was a *strong*, *healthy*, *sound*, *lail Person*, becomes  
 ' of an *infirm*, *broken*, *weak*, and *miserable Constitution*.

Hitherto our *Author* has only represented what often  
 happens to *Venereal Patients*, whose *Cures* were not well  
 and skilfully manag'd; and whose misfortunate *Cir-*  
*cumstances* are indeed very often as great (and such) as  
 our *Author* has here (aptly enough) describ'd them to  
 be. In what next follows, he reflects on the *Method*  
 and *Medicines* generally prescrib'd by *Physicians* to cure  
 these *Disorders*, and to bring a shatter'd *Constitution* to  
 Rights, viz.

' Now, to remedy these *Evils* after former *Cures*, the  
 ' usual *Method* is to prescribe to these poor unhappy  
 ' *Persons*, (whose *Miseries* make them credulous to al-  
 ' most every Thing) *Bottles* of *Diet-Drinks*, *Boxes* of  
 ' *Balsamick Pills*, *strengthening Bolus's*, and other such  
 ' like nauseous and tedious *Courses* of *Physick*. But  
 ' alas!



‘ alas! the poor *Patient* has been tir’d too much with  
 ‘ such *Loads* of *Physick* already to take any more. If no  
 ‘ other Means would do, these long and tedious *Courses*  
 ‘ of *Physick* must be undergone; but other more effectua-  
 ‘ l *Remedies* are now found out. And therefore for  
 ‘ this unhappy *State*, I shall in the 10th Chapter  
 ‘ of this *Book* propose a much more easy and compen-  
 ‘ dious *Method* of *Cure*, by an extraordinary *Chymical*  
 ‘ *Elixir*.

*Diet-Drinks*, *Balsamick Pills*, and strengthening *Bolus’s*,  
 have been for so many *Ages* prescrib’d by the Genera-  
 lity of *Physicians*; and that, most an *End*, with such  
 good and satisfactory *Success*, as that our *Author’s* new-  
 found-out *Elixir* (of which doubtless he knew nothing  
 when he publish’d his 13th *Edition*) will scarcely bring  
 them into a *Disreputation*; unless it should perform much  
 greater *Feats* than what I expect from it. But let’s hear  
 his *Account* of it from his 10th Chapter.

‘ I here (*says he*) propose to the World a great *Me-*  
 ‘ *dicine*, which for restoring a sound *Habit* of Body af-  
 ‘ ter *Salivations*, taking of *Mercury* in former *Cures*, has  
 ‘ not its Equal, it being certainly the greatest and most  
 ‘ noble *Thing* in the World to clear and cleanse the  
 ‘ whole *Mass* of *Blood* of all *Relicks* and *Remains* of *Ve-*  
 ‘ *nercal Infection*, ill Effects of *Mercury*, *Salivations*, and  
 ‘ bad *Medicines*, that cause *Spots*, *Breakings-out*, *wander-*  
 ‘ *ing Pains*, *Weakness*, and *Trembling* in the *Joints* and  
 ‘ *Limbs*, *Dullness* and *Giddiness* in the *Head*, and other  
 ‘ such *Disorders*. It is so great a *Purifyer* of the whole  
 ‘ *Body*, by freeing it from all sharp *Humours*, that cause  
 ‘ *Breakings-out*, *Itchings*, *Pains*, and *Uneasinesses*, as well  
 ‘ from the *Scurvy* as the *Venercal Disease*, which in  
 ‘ Time breaks the best of *Constitutions*, that no one *Me-*  
 ‘ *dicine* can do more. It has nothing of *Mercury* in it,  
 ‘ but is so innocent, that an *Infant* may take it. It  
 ‘ carries off the *Infection* chiefly by *Urine*. Great Num-  
 ‘ bers of *Persons*, after *Venercal Cures*, have experienc’d  
 ‘ its wonderful *Effects* in cleansing and strengthening  
 ‘ their *Reins* and *Seminal Vessels*, recovering their lost  
 ‘ *Tone*, and restoring all Parts to their natural *Force*,  
 ‘ *Strength*, and *Vigor*. The *Nature* of this *Elixir* being  
 ‘ to supply the long Use of nauseous *Diet-Drinks*, and

other such *Courses* of *Physick*, which Persons are generally so averse from. For after Persons are *cured*, there commonly remains something to be carry'd off, either from the Disease or *Mercury*. The *Blood* wants to be purify'd, and the *Constitution* strengthen'd ; for which End, *Turpentine Pills* and *Bolus's*, long *Diet-Drinks*, and other such *Courses* of *Physick*, are usually prescrib'd ; and instead of them this *Elixir*, which a thousand times transcends them, takes Place ; doing more at a few *Doses* by being taken a few *Drops* in a Glass of *Ale* or *Wine*, than some *Gallons* of *Diet-Drinks*, or other *Slip-slops* of *Physick* shall in a *Month*, by restoring the *Blood* to that due and agreeable *Fluidity* and *Texture* of its Parts, which has been impair'd by long *Courses* of *Physick*, and which occasion those *Complaints* Persons so daily make after *Venereal Courses* of *Physick*.

You now have seen all (in Effect) that our *Author* has said as to the *Virtues* and *Efficacy* of his *Elixir* ; and all which (admitting it to be true) does not, so far as I can conceive, amount to any Thing more than what he had before assur'd us his *Specifick Remedy* will perform, namely, that it will *sweeten*, *cleanse*, and *purify* the *Blood*, and carry out of IT, and the *Body*, ALL Old *Remains* of *Venereal Infection* and *Mercury*, which cause *Scabs*, *Breakings-out*, and other troublesome and disgraceful *Eruptions* in the *Body*, and all *scorbutick Humours*, strengthen the *Constitution*, and preserve *Health*. This, I say, which he had (as you've seen) said of his *Specifick Remedy*, is, in my Opinion, comprehensive of all he has promis'd for and said of his *Elixir*. But probably it may be suggested, in his Favour, that supposing the *Specifick* and the *Elixir* are both good *Medicines*, and proper in these *Cases*, they being both, as he advises and directs, taken alternatively, they in *Conjunction* will sooner bring about and accomplish the *Cure*, than either of them would or could alone, and without the other's Assistance. And this indeed is what our *Author* himself chiefly insists upon, and affirms concerning them ; and yet I don't well conceive how even this can be ; for the *Specifick* and the *Elixir* are both equally *Purgatives* ; and why One proper *Purgative* often repeated should not perform a *Cure* in as little a Time, and

and effectually, as two several *purgive* Medicines taken alternatively will or can do, is beyond my Comprehension. A Change indeed in the Form of the *Medicine*, may be very agreeable to some Persons, and that is all that can truly be said in the Case. But why has our *Author* found Fault with *Turpentine Pills*, and *Turpentine Bolus's*? Is not well near One half of the Composition of his *Specifick Remedy*, *Balsam of Capivi*? And what is *Balsam of Capivi*, but a fine Sort of *Turpentine*? And may not therefore every Dose of his *Specifick Remedy*, without any great *Impropriety* of Speech, be call'd a *Turpentine Bolus*? But our *Author* having not said, (nay, not given the least Intimation) in his *Practical Scheme*, that his *Chymical Elixir* is at all *purgative*, otherwise than by *Urine*, I'll here transcribe his *Directions* for its Use; *viz.*

Directions for the Use of the Great Chymical Antivenereal Elixir for broken, spoil'd, and ruin'd Constitutions, and Habits of Body, by former ill Cures, Salivations, and Mercury, belonging to the Practical Scheme of the Secret Disease.

TAKE about a Tea Spoonful of this Elixir in about six or seven Spoonfuls of *Beer*, *Ale*, or any Sort of smooth *Wine*, as white *Lisbon*, or *Wine and Water*; take of it thus every *Morning* and *Night* for about a *Fortnight* or three *Weeks* together, fasting an Hour in the *Morning* after it, and taking it the last Thing at *Night* going to *Bed*, having supp'd an Hour at least before-hand; but as for *Drinking*, it signifies nothing, if you should have drank but a little before the taking of it.

If you do not like to take it thus, then you may take it two or three times in the *Day*, carrying it in your *Pocket*; but 'tis not so well to take it at any Time when you eat.

As for those Persons who have been particularly injur'd by taking *Mercury*, and are of a very uneasy Constitution, with *Burnings*, *Itchings*, *Breakings-out*, *Wandering Pains*, and restless uneasy *Nights*, and are in a Manner worn out, and weaken'd by *Venereal*



*Courses of Physick* : Such Persons as these must take it longer and oftner, as they find their *Strength* and *Constitution* will bear it ; FOR besides its working by *Urine*, it will commonly WORK also by *Stool* two or three Times a-Day : But it requires no *Confinement* ; only I would advise Persons not to go Abroad in cold, wet, sloppy Weather, more than just Needs must. Therefore Persons must, according to Prudence, regulate their taking of it, according as they find two or three *Stools* a-Day may be more or less inconvenient to them ; in which Case it must not be taken so often, or less at a Time of it, if it give more than two or three *Stools* in a Day. And in this Manner Persons must keep to it, till they find all manner of *Uneasiness* gone, which commonly is upon taking it a *Month* or *six Weeks*, tho' many Times much sooner : But it cannot be expected, that great, rooted, obstinate *Evils*, can be remov'd on a Sudden ; 'tis far better to be cured thus, without any *Hinderance* of *Business*, as *Hundreds* have been, than by troublesome tedious *Diet-Drinks*, and *Salivations*.

It requires no *Abstinence* from any *Diet*, or keeping at *Home* ; but the fresher your *Diet* is, as plain roast and boil'd ; and the more temperate as to drinking of *Wine*, the better : But be sure drink no *Punch*, *Stout*, *Brandy*, *Stale Beer*, and such like *sharp Liquors*. You may use moderate *Exercise*. Those Persons who are pleas'd to take of the *Specifick Remedy* along with this *Elixir*, must do it in the Manner following. Take of this *Elixir*, as just now has been said, near upon every Day ; and of the *Specifick Remedy* about twice a Week, according to the *Directions* seal'd up with the *Specifick Remedy* : But on those Days, and at those Times that you take the *Specifick Remedy*, you must not take of this *Elixir*. And if you should find any *Inconvenience*, or *Fatigue*, from taking either of them so often, you may rest, and miss now and then a Day. And by this Means, this *Elixir* will throw the *Pocky Humour* out of the *Blood*, and the *Specifick Remedy* will entirely carry it off. So that all the *Venereal Taint* will soon yield to these *Remedies* ; it being certain, that a Person will be cured in half the Time, if they take the

Specifick



‘ *Specifick Remedy* along with this *Elixir* in the Manner  
 ‘ just now mention’d : For *both* these *Remedies* join’d  
 ‘ together, act potently in Conjunction with each other,  
 ‘ in order to root entirely out of the *Blood* the *Venereal*  
 ‘ *Infection*, and so carry it off : Just as *two* *Horses* will  
 ‘ draw a *Cart* *two* or *three* *Miles* in *One* *Hour*, which  
 ‘ only one of those *Horses* in that *Time* could not so  
 ‘ well get along.

Our *Author*, in his *Directions* seal’d up with his *Speci-*  
*sick Remedy*, orders such a *Dose* of *that* to be taken,  
 when it be taken, as may give three or four *Stools* in 24  
 Hours : And in his *Directions* seal’d up with his *Elixir*,  
 he directs (as you have now seen) so much of *that* to be  
 taken, when it be taken, as may give two or three  
*Stools* a-Day ; the Difference is only *One Stool* in 24  
 Hours. So that according to our *Author*’s present *Project*  
 of curing *Fresh Claps*, *Virulent Gonorrhœas*, *Poxes*, whe-  
 ther *New* or *Old*, and *Broken Constitutions* ; as also, the  
*Scurvy*, *Dropsy*, *Rheumatism*, and all *Diseases* proceeding  
 from a *Foul Blood*, with only (or chiefly with) his *Speci-*  
*sick Remedy*, and *Chymical Elixir*, there is to be in, and  
 throughout, the performing these *Cures*, first of all,  
 purge, purge, purge ; and then, in the next Place, go to  
*Stool*, go to *Stool*, go to *Stool* ; and this Course is to be per-  
 form’d daily, and every Day, (if you can hold it) al-  
 ternatively, until you find all *Manner of Uneasiness* gone,  
 should that be *seven Years* first. But the best part is,  
 People may have *Paper* for their necessary *Occasions*, in  
 what Quantity they please, at *Mrs. Garway’s*, *Mr. Co-*  
*oper’s*, and at the *Sugar-Loaf* over-against *Old Round Court*  
 in the *Strand*, for only asking for it, by the Name of  
 the *Practical Scheme*, &c.

But our *Author*, desirous of demonstrating that his  
*Elixir* is vastly superior in *Virtue* and *Efficacy* to any  
*Diet-Drink*, attempts it by the following *Similitude*, viz.  
 ‘ The diffused *Rays* of the *Sun* coming in at a *Window*,  
 ‘ are a long Time, even in a hot Day, before they will  
 ‘ warm One’s Hand : But if you contract the scatter’d  
 ‘ and dispers’d *Beams* into a *Point* thro’ a *Burning-Glass*,  
 ‘ your *Hand* will presently be burn’d. Just in the same  
 ‘ Manner, *Diet-Drinks* in themselves are so very *slow* in  
 ‘ effecting the End for which they are propos’d, that  
 ‘ unless

unless Persons perfectly Rince and Wash themselves  
 with them, they prove little better than a mere Chip in  
 Potrage; so that Persons had almost as good never  
 take them: Whereas this Elixir being of a volatile;  
 searching, cleansing, and renovating Nature, and  
 containing in it self the Virtues of most Diet-Drinks,  
 brought here by Chymistry into a small Compass, and;  
 as it were, contracted, and concenter'd into a Point, pre-  
 sently, as soon as ever it is taken, searches and enters  
 into the very Substance of the Blood; dilutes, and  
 cleanses it; sweetens and purifies it! Now, I am  
 very much mistaken, if the Similitude ought not to be  
 worded after the following Manner, viz. As the Rays  
 of the Sun, being diffused in the Ambient Air, refresh;  
 invigorate, enliven, and support all Vegetables, and Ani-  
 mals in their very Being and Existency: But being, by a  
 Burning-Glass concentrated, and drawn into a Point;  
 scorch up, burn, destroy, and kill, all Vegetables and Ani-  
 mals that come in their Way; that is, within the Focus  
 of that Glass: Even so, the Salutiferous Particles of the  
 Medicinal Ingredients proper for a Diet-Drink, being, by  
 a gentle Infusion, drawn out into, and diffused in a fit  
 Quantity of Water, Ale, or Wine, will refresh, relieve;  
 and even add new Life, Strength, and Vigor to the  
 afflicted Patient; by diluting his Blood, cleansing, sweeten-  
 ing, and purifying of it after an admirable Manner:  
 But the Medicinal Particles of these Diet-Drink-Ingred-  
 ients being by Chymistry (like the Rays of the Sun by a  
 Glass) as it were concentrated, and drawn into a small  
 Compass in Rectify'd Spirit of Wine (as in our Author's  
 Elixir) will scorch, shrivel up, and (as the Saying is)  
 burn One's Guts out presently! That is, in Case such a  
 Medicine be taken by it self; and, if it be not, the  
 Similitude is lost: For the Rays of the Sun are no longer  
 scorching and burning, than whilst they remain conce-  
 ntrated by the Glass: And a Mixture compos'd of our  
 Author's Elixir, and Ale, Wine, or Water; differs not so  
 much from a Draught of Diet-Drink, as he would wil-  
 lingly have it thought to do.

Our Author still more effectually to convince the  
 World of the Excellency of his Elixir, above that of  
 Diet-Drinks, goes on as follows, viz. How the Virtues  
 of

of most *Diet-Drinks* are here by *Chymistry* contracted,  
 as it were, into a Point in this *Great Medicine*, as juſt  
 now has been ſaid, may be made clear in the Manner  
 following. *Chymistry* being an *Art* which draws out,  
 by the Force of *Fire*, the very *Effence* and *Life* of  
 Things, ſeparating by Conſequence the *Purities* of all  
 Things from their uſeleſs *Dregs*, and earthy Subſtance,  
 in order to the Preparation of *Medicines* moſt grateful  
 to the *Palate*, by abridging their *Dofe*, and more  
*Healthful* to the *Body*, by throwing away their *Droſs*:  
 Whereas the *Galenists* proceed quite in a contrary  
 Manner, exhibiting to the *Patient* as well the impure  
 and terreſtrial Parts of *Medicines*, as the pure and ſpi-  
 rituous Ones. This will appear clear in an Example  
 of *Jallop Root*, which conſiſts of two Parts, to-wit, a  
*Reſinous* Part, wherein its whole purgative Faculty con-  
 ſiſts; and an earthy groſs Part, which is of no Uſe,  
 but only to clog and load the *Stomach* for Nothing.  
 Now the whole *Virtue* of the Root conſiſting in its  
*Roſin*, it ſeems altogether unneceſſary that a Perſon  
 ſhould load, nauſeate, and clog their *Stomach* with  
 50 or 60 Grains of this Root in Subſtance, for the Sake  
 of only 4 or 5 Grains of its *Roſin*, contain'd in thoſe  
 50 or 60 Grains of its Root; and which 4 or 5 Grains  
 of *Roſin*, will have a much better Effect than 50 or 60  
 of the Root. 'Tis therefore by the *Art* of *Chymistry*,  
 that this *Reſinous Part* is ſeparated and extracted from  
 the other uſeleſs, groſs, terreſtrial Part, which the  
*Chymists* throw away, after they have extracted and  
 drawn all the *Roſin* from it, in order to abridge and  
 leſſen the *Dofe*, by giving to Perſons only 4 or 5  
 Grains, inſtead of 50 or 60. And 'tis this *Chymical*  
*Method* that is here made Uſe of in the Preparation of  
 this *Great Specifick Elixir*; by which the *Extraction* of  
 it from *Minerals*, *Vegetables*, and other the uſual In-  
 gredients of *Diet-Drinks* is ſo order'd, that a few Drops  
 only of it, in a little *Beer*, *Ale*, or *Wine*, ſhall do  
 more Good at once taking, than two whole Quarts of  
 any *Diet-Drink* will at eight Times taking, reckoning  
 after the Rate of Half a Pint to each Draught, as is  
 uſually preſcrib'd to *Patients*. According to which  
 Computation, twice only taking of this *Elixir*, viz.

a few



‘ a few Drops either *Morning* and *Night*, or at any  
 ‘ other Times of the Day, equals the taking of four  
 ‘ Quarts of any *Diet-Drink*. Now, which of these two  
 ‘ Doses, to-wit, either a few Drops of this grateful  
 ‘ *Elixir*, (the Taste of it being that of a most pleasant  
 ‘ *Bitter*) to be taken at ONCE; or two Quarts of a  
 ‘ *Diet-Drink*, to be taken at eight nauseous Draughts,  
 ‘ will be most acceptable to Persons, whose Conditions  
 ‘ determine them to take something of this Kind, need  
 ‘ neither *Poor Robin*, nor *Partridge* to foretel.’

Here I must remark, 1. That altho’ *Chymistry* be a noble Addition to *Pharmacy*, and of very great Use in the Preparation of *Medicines*, yet the old *Galenical Pharmacy* still remains necessary and useful. For some Part of the *Materia Medica* will not admit of a *Chymical Analysis*; or, of being any Way *chymically* treated, without being thereby divested of such *Virtues* as they possess’d before they were so manag’d. 2. That a *Diet-Drink* is, in reality, as much a *Chymical Preparation* as an *Elixir*: They are both made by a gentle *Infusion* only; the *Diet-Drink* in a large *Iron*, *Copper-tin’d*, or *Tin-Pot*, which (to do it well) must not be above half full, and close stop’d with *Lute*; and the *Elixir* in a large *Glass Matress*, well stop’t also; the first is set to infuse over a gentle naked *Fire*, the other in a *Sand Heat*. The *Menstruum* (which makes the Difference) us’d in extracting the *Medicinal Particles* of the *Ingredients* in making a *Diet-Drink*, is usually *Water*, and sometimes *Ale* or *Wine*: The *Menstruum* with which the *Medicinal Particles* of the *Ingredients* are extracted in the Preparation of *Elixirs* is *Rectify’d Spirit of Wine*. *Diet-Drinks*, when taken, are taken by themselves: *Elixirs* and *Tinctures*, mix’d with *Ale*, *Wine*, or *Water*. But whether *Water*, *Ale*, *Wine*, common (or rectify’d) *Spirit of Wine*, be us’d in making these *Extractions*, a very pleasant colour’d, clear, and transparent *Medicinal Liquor* is obtain’d; and the *Dross*, that is, the unserviceable Parts of the *Ingredients*, is left behind in the *Pot* or *Glass*, and cast away. *Diet-Drinks* are, I acknowledge, usually reckon’d amongst the *Galenical Medicines*; and *Elixirs* are number’d with the *Chymical Preparations*: But there being none other Difference between them,



in Relation to their *Preparation*, than what I have taken Notice of, I think the *One* is, in Truth, as much a *Chymical Preparation* as the other. 3. Altho' *Water*, *Ale*, *Wine*, common (and rectify'd) *Spirit of Wine*, are all us'd, that is, sometimes the *One*, and at other Times *Another* of them, in extracting the serviceable *Particles* of *Physical Ingredients*; yet these different *Menstruums* are us'd to serve different *Intentions*: That is, the *Virtue* and *Efficacy* of the *Ingredients* usually put into *Diet-Drinks*, consist as well in their *saline* as in their *sulphureous* *Particles*. Now, *Water* will best extract their *Saline* *Particles*, but will leave a great Part of their *sulphureous* *Particles* behind: *Ale* and *Wine* will also extract principally their *saline* *Particles*, but will receive more of their *sulphureous* *Particles* than *Water* can do. Common *Spirit of Wine* will extract the major Part of both the *saline* and *sulphureous* *Particles* of these *Ingredients*; and that nearly in an equal Degree, being it self equally *Aqueous* and *Spirituos*: But *Rectify'd Spirit of Wine*, being an exalted *Sulphur*, preys principally on the *sulphureous* *Particles* of those *Ingredients*, extracts them, and leaves the greatest Part of their *saline* *Particles* untouch'd. So that as skilful *Physicians* want either the *saline* or the *sulphureous* *Particles* of these *Ingredients*, or a *Mixture* of them both; they accordingly make Choice of either an *Aqueous*, *Vinous*, or *Spirituos* *Menstruum* for their *Extraction*.

From what has been said, it is plain, 1. That a *Diet-Drink* made with *Water*, as it will not have receiv'd the very same *Particles* from the *Ingredients*, that either *Ale* or *Wine* (which are somewhat *Spirituos*) would have done; so it cannot be possess'd of the very same *Virtues* a *Diet-Drink* made with *Ale* or *Wine*, from the same *Ingredients*, will have. 2. That seeing *Water*, in these *Extractions*, chiefly preys on, dissolves, extracts, and receives into it self, the *saline* *Particles* of these *Ingredients*, and leaves the most part of their *sulphureous* *Particles* behind; and that *Rectify'd Spirit of Wine* does (on the Contrary) chiefly prey on, dissolve, draw out, and receive, the *sulphureous* (that is, the *Resinous*) *Particles* of these *Ingredients*, and leaves the greatest Part of their *saline* *Particles* behind; nothing can be more

plain, than that these two Medicines, (that is, a *Diet-Drink*, made with *Water*, and an *Elixir* with *Rectify'd Spirit*) tho' drawn from the same Medicinal *Ingredients*, must necessarily be well near as different in their *Natures*, *Properties*, *Virtues*, and *Efficacy*, as the *saline*, and *sulphureous Particles* of those *Ingredients* are : Whence it follows, 3. That our *Author's Contrivance* of bringing the *Virtues* of most *Diet-Drinks* into a small Compass, by *Chymistry*, is a mere *Chimera*; and effectually discovers his great *Ignorance* in the *Materia Medica*, and *Chymistry*. A *Diet-Drink*, containing the *saline Particles* of the *Ingredients* diffus'd in it, like *nitrous Particles* in the *Air*; yet so intermix'd and soften'd with *sulphureous Particles*, as not to be very pungent, dilutes the *Blood*, cleanses, sweetens, and purifies it, carrying off its *Feculencies* by *Urine*; thereby rendering the *Patient* every *Day* more easy, pleasant, brisk, and lively; which noble *Virtues*, and *Effects*, can't be rationally look'd for, from the *resinous Particles* of these *Ingredients*, extracted by, and embody'd with an exalted *Sulphur*, that will scarcely touch the *saline Particles* in which the *Virtues* and *Efficacy* of *Diet-Drink Ingredients*, do, most an End, principally consist. And as to *Diet-Drinks* being nauseous, and our *Author's Elixir* pleasant to take; let the *World* judge (without applying either to *Poor Robin* or *Partridge*) whether an *Half-Pint* *Glass* of a well prepar'd curious *Diet-Drink*, that for *Colour*, *Clearness*, *Fineness*, *Transparency*, *Scent*, and *Taste*, may even vie with the best *Wine*, be not more eligible, and even inviting to be drank by any *Person*, whether sick or well, than a *Glass* of either *Ale* or *Wine*, turn'd with the *Admixture* of our *Author's Elixir*, thick, and wheyish; so that any *One*, not knowing what it is, would take it for *Piss*, that had stood a while in the *Chamber-pot*, and was, as we call it, broke; as happens when *Persons* have a *Cold* upon them, that is going off. And as to *Jalap Root*, its whole *Virtue* does not, as our *Auhor* has ignorantly affirm'd, consist in its *Rosin*: For *Jalap* abounds with *Saline*, as well as *Resinous Particles*; and those *Saline Particles*, in *Conjunction* with its *Resinous*, render it an admirable *Hydragogue*: And for that Reason, all well experienc'd and skilful *Physicians* prescribe

*Jalap*

*Jalap* in Substance for *Dropsical Persons* ; and not its *Rosin*, which containing but few of its *Saline Particles*, is not, on those Occasions, so serviceable. Nor will the *Rosin of Jalap*, when given (as it very seldom is) alone, work near so well, pleasantly, and to so good Purpose as *Jalap* in Substance does. But *Rosin of Jalap* (by Reason of its being *Purgative* in a small Quantity) is more fit than *Jalap* in Substance, to be mix'd with other *Ingredients*, in *Pills*, *Bolus's*, &c. And for those Purposes chiefly it is prepar'd.

And now I conceive it highly necessary, that our ingenious and learned *Author* should investigate new *Arguments* to convince the World of the *Excellency* of this pretended *Great Elixir*, and so to support its Reputation, as to make it go briskly off, at the *Price* of a *Guinea* each little *Bottle*.

However, some Persons, perhaps, may be desirous of knowing more directly of what, and how this *Elixir* is made ; or, at least, how to make Another that may be equivalent to it : To oblige therefore such Persons, I say, That our *Author* having, in the *Practical Scheme* (Ed. 14, 15, 16. p. 28.) inform'd us, that it is extracted from the usual *Ingredients* of *Diet-Drinks*, (that is, as he must mean, the *Ingredients* of *Diet-Drinks* generally us'd in *Veneréal Cases*) by the same *Chymical Method* the *Rosin of Jalap* is extracted from the *Jalap Root*, and that it is bitter, and, in his seal'd up *Directions*, that it is so purgative, as that a *Tea-spoonful* of it being taken *Morning* and *Night*, will give (generally speaking) two or three *Stools* in 24 Hours, I conceive an *Elixir* made according to the following *Prescription*, will be more like our *Author's* (as he now Sells it) in *Colour*, *Scent*, *Taste*, *Operation*, and *Effects*, than his *Specifick Remedy* (vid. p. 53, &c.) is like *Dr. Wall's* famous *Electuary* ; nay, I believe they will not be easily distinguish'd the One from the Other ; and therefore I shall call it, as he does his,

#### The Great *Antivenereal Elixir*.

Take *Guajacum* in Powder one Pound, *Guajacum Bark* in Powder six Ounces, *Sarsaparilla* in Powder four Ounces, *China Roots*, and *Sarsaparilla* slit, cut short, and well  
M 2 bruised,

bruised, Centaury the less, and Gention, of each two Ounces, Jalap in Powder eight Ounces; put all into a large Matrass, and pour to them Rectify'd Spirit of Wine one Gallon, digest in a Sand Heat for three Weeks, or a Month, shaking the Glass once every Day. Then, the Matrass being cold, filtrate the Elixir thro' whited brown Paper, and put it up for Use.

The Dose is the Quantity of a Tea-Spoonfull, in a Glas of Ale Morning and Evening, when-ever you desire to be purg'd, and made sickish and out of Order, to little or no Purpose.

Now, altho' (as I said before) our *Author* has given a pretty true *Account* of the *Symptoms* of a *Broken Constitution*, and of such *Disorders* as usually attend *Persons* not well cured of the *Secret Disease*; yet, I believe, the *Reader* may recieve a more clear and satisfactory *Notion* of the Matter, from a Consideration of the *Aptness* there is in the *Veneréal Infection*, and any (tho' slight) *Remains* thereof to unite, and incorporate with some other *Distempers*, and thereby to constitute (as it were) a new, and anomalous *Disease*. As for Example: The *Scurvy*, which is of it self a very contumacious *Distemper*, and has *Symptoms* that, when inveterate, much resemble some that attend the *Pox*: But when a *Veneréal Infection*, or some *Remains* thereof, shall be incorporated with the *Scurvy*, the scorbutick *Symptoms* will be render'd worse than they were before; and the *Patient* will be perplex'd with *Indispositions*, *Uneasinesses*, and *Disorders*, not altogether proper to either the *Secret Disease*, or the *Scurvy*. The like may be said of the *King's-Evil*, the *Itch*, the *Rheumatism*, and of most *Chronical Diseases*. Nay, some *Authors* affirm, that even *Fevers*, and other *Acute Diseases*, may be render'd more severe than Ordinary, and more difficult to be cured, by being complicated with the *Veneréal Disease*.

And this *Complication* of the *Veneréal* and some other *Disease* may happen, either by the *Patient's* being afflicted with that other *Disease* at the Time the *Veneréal Infection* was receiv'd, or by Means of the *Secret Disease* being not well cured, in a Person otherwise of good Health:



**Health :** For in Case a really sound and healthy Person becomes infected with the *Secret Disease*, and happens not to have its *Infection* well carry'd off, and the *Blood* and Juices of the Body absolutely restor'd to their former Purity, the remaining Particles of the *Venercal Infection* being in some Measure broken, shatter'd, and alter'd in their Texture, &c. may probably never produce any of the genuine *Symptoms* of the *Secret Disease*, but rather an inveterate *Scurvy*, *Rheumatism*, *King's-Evil*, *Leprous Breakings-out*, or some other *Disease*, to which the Patient's *Constitution*, *Habit of Body*, *Way of Living*, &c. shall contribute : And there are but few (if any) Persons so healthful, as that they are not (in some Measure at least) inclin'd to one *Disease* or Another ; and every *Disease* taking its *Origin* from, or being (tho' but slightly) complicated with the *Venercal Disease*, must be cured with proper *Antivenereal Remedies* ; for they will not give Way to any other *Medicines*.

Now, when (as has been hinted) the *Venercal Disease* and the *Scurvy* are complicated, they must necessarily constitute an anomalous *Disease*, that will partake of both those *Diseases*, but will have *Symptoms* (in some Respects) different from either of them. The like may be said of the *Venercal Disease* complicated with any other *Disease*. And this *Complication* of one *Disease* with Another, is the principal Cause of so many (seemingly) new *Diseases* every Day appearing in the World ; and every such new *Disease* usually retains the *Name* of that *Disease* of which it does principally partake, (when that can be known) and the *Name* of the other *Disease* is added by Way of *Epithet*. Thus when the *Scurvy* principally afflicts any Person, yet in Conjunction with a *Venercal Taint*, that new *Disease* is call'd a *Venercal* or *Pocky Scurvy* ; and so of other *Diseases*. And when any (either internal or external) *Disease* proves stubborn, and of difficult Cure, in a Person who has formerly (tho' many Years before) had any *Species* of the *Venercal Disease*, some Remains thereof ought to be suspected, and *Antivenereal Medicines* apply'd to for Cure. The Cure of these *Anomalous Diseases* resulting from a *Complication* of the *Venercal* and some other *Disease* together, must be regulated (sometimes) as well according as the

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*Nature* of the *Disease*, complicated with the *Venereal Disease*, shall require ; as according as the *Age*, *Sex*, *Constitution*, &c. of the *Patient*, *Variety*, *Urgency*, &c. of *Symptoms*, shall indicate : But my *Grand Specifick* for the *Secret Disease* being taken once in three or four Days, and my *Elixir Aureum* every Day, for some short Time, seldom fail (being, I verily believe, the very best Medicines in the World on these Occasions) in performing (without any farther Assistance) an effectual Cure in any of these Complicated Cases ; and in retrieving and bringing to Rights a *Constitution* weaken'd, broken, and shatter'd, by rough, and improper Medicines, *Mercury*, and *Salivations* us'd in the Cure of the *Venereal* (or any other) *Disease*. I will add a few Words about the real and well experienc'd *Virtues* and *Effects* of this

*Elixir Aureum* : Or Golden Drops.

Of this Noble *Elixir* I made some Mention in a *Traët* publish'd about seven Years ago, entitled, *London's Medicinal Informer*. But I then call'd it, *Tinctura de Sulphure Aurca* ; because it is an *Elixir*, that is, a very thick and deep *Tincture*, drawn as well from the *Sulphur* of *Gold*, as of other *Metals*, and some *Vegetables*. And such a Medicine must necessarily be most serviceable on these Occasions ; because many of the Disorders of these complicated Cases, and of a Broken Constitution, spring, in some Measure, from minute Particles of *Mercury* lodg'd here and there about the Body, as well as from the Remains of the *Secret Disease* : And altho' some *Diet-Drinks*, *Sudorificks*, and *Volatile Salts*, especially the *Volatile Salt* of *Vipers*, are very proper and serviceable in carrying off the Remains of *Mercury* ; yet there is not any other Thing in the World, that dislodges and carries off *Mercury* so effectually as *Gold* does. If *Gold* be held in a Person's Mouth who is in a *Salivation*, it will be turn'd *White*. Nay, if you put a Piece of *Gold* into your Mouth, (says Sir K. Digby, in his *Treatise* of the *Sympathetick Powder*, p. 87.) and fix *Mercury* about in a Dish with one of your *Toes*, that *Gold* will attract some of its *Particles*, and become white, which sufficiently shews the Power of *Gold*, in attract-

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ing *Mercury*, when scatter'd about in the Body, and in the Blood. *Aurum Fluminans* is, in these Cases, an excellent Medicine; *Aurum Potabile* is a better; but this *Elixir Aureum* is better than either of them. It is indeed the very best, most efficacious, and even infallible Remedy, absolutely to free the Blood, and all the Body, of *Mercury*, after the Cure of the *Venercal Disease*, especially when the same was perform'd by *Salivation*.

This excellent *Elixir* not only frees the Body of *Mercury*, but wonderfully sweetens and strengthens the Blood, recreates and revives the *Spirits*, and, as it were, renovates the whole Man. So that all little Spots, slight wandering Pains, Weakness in the Reins and Seminal Vessels, occasioning a thick and foul Urine, seemingly with Threads, Films, or Hairs flying about in it; Trembling in the Joints, Weariness, and Numbness, Paleness in the Face, Giddiness in the Head, Dimness of Sight, Indisposition to stir up and down, Faintings, inward Weakness, and a seemingly Consumptive Habit of Body, after *Venercal Cures*, are effectually cured by the Use of this Golden *Elixir*: And that by its admirable Faculty of purifying and strengthening the Blood, exhilarating and brisking up the *Spirits*, and bringing all weaken'd Parts to their due Tone; whereby the languishing, and almost despairing Patient is quickly restor'd from a weak, broken, and almost ruin'd Constitution, to a sound, plump, and healthy Habit of Body, a florid Countenance, and an easy, pleasant Temper of Mind, even without any Trouble at all: For this *Elixir* is pleasant to take, and has no Manner of Operation, excepting that it works a little by Urine, and sometimes (not often) promotes a very gentle breathing Sweat in the Night: But it is very Cordial, Strengthening and Reviving. Price 10s. the Bottle, with Directions.

## To Dr. Paul Chamberlaine.

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Altho' the *Author* of the *Practical Scheme* of the *Secret Disease*, and *Essay on Appended Remedies*, recommending a *Necklace for Childrens Teeth*, &c. dedicated several *Editions* of those little *Tracts* to you, and frequently made Use of your Name in those *Pamphlets*, *News-Paper-Advertisements*, &c. apparently in Expectation that your *Character* and *Reputation* would promote the Sale of his *Specifick Remedy*, *Elixir*, *Necklace*, &c. which I always look'd upon as so many *Impositions* on the People, and for that Reason resolv'd, for the Safety of Peoples *Health* and *Lives*, to give the *Publick* such *Information* concerning them as I was capable of, and which I have now in part done, yet I determin'd not to make any *Reflections* on your having countenanc'd this *Author*: And consequently you will not find, throughout the whole of the preceding *Tract*, so much as one Word that bears hard on your *Conduct* herein, or than can prejudice your *Good Name* and *Reputation*: For I thought it highly probable, that either you was not fully appriz'd of this *Author's* disingenuous *Management*: Or that you might bestow but few (if any) Thoughts about the Consequences of it. But the *Mask* is off, the 17th *Edition* of the *Practical Scheme* is now publish'd, with *The Essay*, &c. tack'd to it: And *Letters Testimonial*, or an *Approbation* in your Name prefix'd to them both. Which *Approbation* is couch'd in such *Terms*, as fully discover (in Case it be, as I must presume it to be, of your own Writing) that you are well acquainted with, and intirely approve of what this *Author* has done, and that you assist him to the utmost of your Power: So that in Case he be a mere *Quack*, and not (as he pretends) a *Physician*; and his *Remedies* instead of being (as boasted of) great and valuable *Medicines*, be really but so many *Impositions* on the Town, you (I think) in having thus avowedly espous'd his *Interest*, and assisted him, by your said *Approbation*, under your Hand, in carrying on his *Designs*, ought to be look'd on as a Man of like *Honesty* with himself. Nay, I verily believe, judging by the said *Approbation*, and your present *Conduct*, that he and you are really in *Copartnership* in these *Matters*, and actually share the *Profits* thence (by your united Endeavours) arising between you: So that altho' in writing the preceeding *Tract*, I study'd to screen your *Reputation*, yet you must now excuse me in making such *Remarks* and *Reflections* on the said *Approbation*, as I think (presuming it genuine) it properly requires:

And



And in case this *Approbation* be (as I am very confident it is not) publish'd by your *Author*, in your Name, without your Knowledge, you must blame him, not me, for the *Consequences* of my *Reflections* thereon.

### *Doctor Chamberlens Approbation.*

*Approbation.*] I *Paul Chamberlen, Doctor in Physick*, do hereby testify to all Persons whom this may concern, that I intirely approve of, advise, and recommend to the World the Use of the hereafter mention'd *Remedies*, (which have been publish'd now for a long Time in several *Languages* with a constant and uninterrupted *Success*) as the very best that in my *Opinion* have ever been known, publish'd, or made use of for the following *Distempers*.

1<sup>st</sup>. For the *Secret Disease, Broken Constitutions, Kings-Evil, Scurvy, &c.* the invaluable *Specifick Remedy* and *Elixir* belonging to *The Practical Scheme* of Secret Injuries and Broken Constitutions.

2<sup>dly</sup>. For the easy Breeding, and Cutting of Childrens Teeth, Women in Labour, and Distempers of the Head, the *Sovereign Necklace*, whose *Virtues* are ingeniously explicated in the *Essay* writ upon it.

My *Judgment* therefore, *Opinion*, and *Advice*, is, that Persons in those *Circumstances*, can use no better, safer, and withal more effectual *Remedies* in the whole Compass of *Physick*, than these, whose Use I hereby *Advise* to all Patients, because I believe, from my *Experience* of it, the *Specifick Remedy* to be the only ONE Thing in the World intirely to root out, and carry off any *Venerreal Infection*; and consequently to perform a *Cure* with the greatest *Pleasure, Ease, Safety, Privacy, Certainty, and Expedition*, of any *Antivenerreal Remedy* ever yet known or publish'd, being a *Non-such* in its kind for this End. The same also I say of the *Elixir* for Broken Constitutions, as all who try them will to their Comfort find. So that had these excellent *Remedies* been but publish'd formerly as they are now, Gentlemen and others who had known of them, would (in MY *Opinion*) have taken nothing else.

*Remarks.*] Really, *Doctor*, there seems to be a great deal of Reason for your giving a good *Character* of this *Specifick Remedy* and that, as you well say, from your *Experience* of it: For your *Author*, in the 5<sup>th</sup> Edition of the *Practical Scheme*, treating of the Cure of the second Stage of the *Secret Disease*, says (p. 50) of this *Specifick Remedy* 'That had it been but publish'd some Years ago, as it is now, (to use the Words of a certain Gentleman lately cur'd by it) Persons who had known

‘ of it would have taken nothing else.’ This very *Passage* is in *Ed. 6, 7, p. 50. Ed. 8, p. 14. Ed. 9, p. 9. Ed. 10, p. 7. Ed. 11, 12, 13, p. 11.* Your *Author*, Sir, having thus in eight *Editions* told us what a certain *Gentleman*, who was cured by his *Specifick Remedy*, us’d to say of it, in his 14th, 15th, and 16th *Editions*, seems to explain the *Matter*: For there, still treating of the *Cure* of the second *Stage* of this *Disease*, he says, as before of the *Specifick Remdy*, ‘ That (p. 15) had it been but publish’d some Years ago, as it is now, (to USE Dr. Chamberlain’s WORDS of it) Persons who had known of it would have taken Nothing else.’ Here, Sir, you see, the very *Words* attributed in eight *Editions* to a certain *Gentleman* lately Cured by the *Specifick Remedy*, are at length, in three *Editions*, attributed to Dr. Chamberlaine. That certain *Gentleman* therefore, and Dr. Chamberlaine, must assuredly be One and the same Person. And is not this a plain *Intimation*, nay, almost a *Proof*, that, in Case your *Author* may be believ’d, Dr. Chamberlaine himself has been Cured by this *Specifick Remedy*? And still to make the *Matter* more plain, your *Author* in his *Epistle* dedicatory to Dr. Paul Chamberlaine prefix’d to the said 14th, 15th, and 16th *Editions* of the *Practical Scheme*, tells the said Dr. Chamberlaine, (and thereby the World) that he the said Dr. Chamberlaine us’d frequently to buy the said *Specifick Remedy* at the *Shops* where it is sold! Which if he did, doubtless it was to take himself. *Old Rats love Cheese!* But, Sir, that which seems to put the *Matter* beyond *Dispute*, is, your now recommending this *Specifick Remedy* to the World from your own *Experience* of it: And using your self, in the two or three last *Lines*, I have above transcrib’d from your *Approbation*, almost the very *Words* your *Author* first attributed (as above) to a certain *Gentleman* lately Cured by this *Remedy*, and afterwards to Dr. Chamberlaine. And if, Sir, you have been Cured with *Pleasure*, *Ease*, *Safety*, *Privacy*, and *Expedition*, by this *Specifick Remedy* who can blame you for speaking well of it? And if the Case was thus, probably you might chuse to oblige your *Doctor* with this *Approbation* of his *Remedies*, rather than with a *Certificate* of your own *Cure* to be put into the *News-Papers*.

But, Sir, after what you have said, as above, in your said *Approbation* concerning the *Specifick Remedy*, what can you say to the *Contents* of the *Letter* you sent concerning it (*Vid. p. 59*) to *Tom’s Coffee-house*? In which you have these *Words*, viz. *I cannot say it [the Specifick Remedy.] will answer all Matters ascrib’d to it by the Author, who may magnify his own as he please!* If, Sir, you cannot say the *Specifick Remedy* will answer all *Matters* ascrib’d to it by its *Author* in the *Practical Scheme*, how can you, in *Point of Prudence*, *Honesty*, and *Conscience*, justify your

your having approv'd of, and recommended to the World, the Perusal of that *Traſt*, and the *Uſe* of that *Medicine* in the Manner you have done? Ought not, Sir, your ſaying of your *Author*, that he might magnify his own as he pleaſe, to be taken for a *Conceſſion* that, in your Opinion, your *Author* had ſaid more of his *Specifick Remedy* than was true concerning it? Nay, your having ſaid, that you cannot ſay it will answer all *Matters* aſcrib'd to it by its *Author*, is a *Proof* that ſuch were your *Thoughts*. And the *Caſe* being thus, do you not ſtand ſelf *Convicted* of having endeavour'd to aſſiſt your *Author* in *impoſing* on the credulous (and unfortunate) Part of Mankind, who will purchaſe it, on a *Preſumption* that it will really answer all *Matters* aſcrib'd to it by its *Author*? And in *Caſe* the *Specifick Remedy* will not answer all *Matters* aſcrib'd to it by its *Author*, who can tell whether it will answer any, and which of them? And, again, if the *Specifick Remedy* will not answer all *Matters* aſcrib'd to it by its *Author*, will not (think you) the *Approbation* you have given of it, prompt People to believe that it will answer all *Matters* aſcrib'd to it by its *Author*? And will not ſuch their *Belief*, founded on your *Approbation*, prompt them to purchaſe it? Nay, was not your *Approbation* printed, on purpoſe to promote the *Sale* (amongſt other Things) of this *Specifick Remedy*? May not therefore, every one who ſhall purchaſe this *Specifick Remedy*, and ſhall find it not to answer ſuch *Matters* as he, finding them aſcrib'd to it by its *Author*, expected from it, as properly be ſaid to be impos'd on, and cheated by Dr. Chamberlen, whoſe *Approbation* and *Recommendation* encourag'd him to purchaſe it, as by the *Author* of it himſelf?

And, Doctor, in that *Letter* you ſent to Tom's *Coffee-Houſe*, you us'd (alſo) theſe Words, viz. Nor can I aſſure you of a *Cure* from it, unleſs I were thoroughly inform'd of your preſent *Complaint*; which it is impoſſible I ſhould, whiſt you remain a *Stranger*. Now, Sir, in *Caſe* you can't aſſure any One of a *Cure* from this *Specifick Remedy*, of whoſe preſent *Complaint* you are not thoroughly inform'd, and whoſe *Perſon* remains a *Stranger* to you; how comes it to paſs, that you have recommended this *Remedy* (or approv'd its being recommended) to be carry'd *Abroad* for the *Uſe* of *Foreigners*? For in the 17th *Edition* of the *Practical Scheme* that is come out with your *Approbation*, and which is (as well as the *Specifick Remedy*) by you recommended to the World, it is ſaid (p. 22.) ' This *Specifick Remedy* is ſeal'd up with printed *Directions* for its *Uſe*, not only in *Engliſh*, but alſo in the *French*, *High-German*, *Low-Dutch*, *Spaniſh*, *Italian*, *Portugueze*, *Swediſh*, *Daniſh*, and *Polish Languages*, for the *Uſe* and *Benefit* of *Merchants*, and others trading *Abroad*, and all Sorts of *European Foreigners*, ſo eaſy,



‘ clear, full, and plain, that any Person, tho’ never so  
 ‘ REMOTE, may privately Cure themselves! ’Tis also the  
 ‘ most convenient Thing that can be us’d at Sea, and in other  
 ‘ Countries, not only of Europe, but in the East and West-Indies.’  
 Now, Doctor, in Case what you wrote in your Letter sent to  
 Tom’s Coffee-House, is, as I verily believe it is, Matter of Fact,  
 and Truth; Namely, that you can’t assure any One of a Cure  
 from the Specifick Remedy, unless you be thoroughly acquainted  
 with their present Complaint: Does not this Project of recom-  
 mending the Specifick Remedy to be carry’d into Foreign Parts,  
 with seal’d up Directions for its Use, look as if You and your  
 Author were about Trying whether you can’t impose on and  
 cheat, with this Specifick Remedy, Persons that are Clapt and  
 Poxt, even all the World over?

Again, Doctor, when the Letter you sent to Tom’s Coffee-  
 House was brought back to you by Mr. Taylor, who told you  
 the Person’s Case who desir’d your Advice, was an Old ill-cur’d  
 Pox, of about two Years standing, broken-out on the Head, and  
 some other Parts, and requested your Opinion, whether the ME-  
 DICINES, that is, the Specifick Remedy and Elixir mention’d  
 in the Practical Scheme, would make a Cure in such a Case, you  
 return’d for Answer, That they might do some Good: But  
 that the only Method for a Cure, would be a Salvation: Not-  
 withstanding which, in the 17th Edition of the Practical Scheme,  
 your Author (with your Approbation, which renders it the  
 same as if actually said by your self) says, the third Degree  
 of the Secret Disease, that is, the Pox, may be cured without a  
 Salvation (which oftner proves the Ruin of poor Patients than  
 their Cure) by the Specifick Remedy? Thus, Sir, you see we  
 have Dr. Paul Chamberlen, against Dr. Paul Chamberlen! If  
 what Dr. Paul Chamberlen wrote in his Letter sent to Tom’s  
 Coffee-House, and what he said to Mr. Taylor, who carry’d  
 back his Letter and ask’d his Advice, be Truth; then what Dr.  
 Paul Chamberlen has wrote and allow’d to be printed in Ap-  
 probation and Recommendation of the Specifick Remedy, and the  
 Matters contain’d in the Practical Scheme, cannot be Truth:  
 And in Case what Dr. Paul Chamberlen has wrote, and al-  
 low’d to be printed in Approbation and Recommendation of the  
 Specifick Remedy, and the Matters contain’d in the Practical  
 Scheme, be Truth; then what Dr. Paul Chamberlen wrote in  
 the Letter sent to Tom’s Coffee-House, and what he said to Mr.  
 Taylor, as above, cannot be Truth: From whence (take it which  
 way you please) it evidently appears, in my Opinion, that Dr.  
 Paul Chamberlen is a Gentleman who may (indeed) write,  
 print, and say what he please: But who will not very hastily  
 (if at all) to be believ’d in what he shall write, say, or  
 print;



print: For (as he knows) there is a *Proverb* which is against him.

*Approbation.*] I am also fully convinc'd, that the above-mention'd *Necklace* is the most homogeneous, and consequently the most naturally proportion'd *Remedy* in the World to strengthen and open the *Aveoli* or Sockets of the *Gums* in Children, and thereby make them easily breed and cut their *Teeth* without any *Convulsions*, *Fever*, or *Pain* at all, and consequently will save many a Child's *Life*. Also to give an easy Time to Women in *Labour*, and cure most *Distempers* of the *Head*, by a very particular Property it is endow'd with of fortifying and strengthening the *Brain*.

For which Reason, I recommend to every Person's serious Perusal, before they use these *Remedies*, those two most *Excellent* little *Treatises* which the Ingenious and Learned *Author* has writ upon them, and gives away *Gratis* (at a very great Expence) in several Languages, entitul'd,

1<sup>st</sup>, *A Practical Scheme of Secret Injuries and Broken Constitutions.*

2<sup>dly</sup>, *A Philosophical Essay upon this Admirable NECK-LACE.*

*Remarks.*] You having thus, Sir, recommended these two little *Treatises* to Peoples serious Perusal, it must be presum'd you have seriously perus'd them your self. And that you find *Nothing* in them but what you either take to be *Truth*, or what you would (at least) have other *Folks* think to be *Truth*; for recommending them, is recommending whatever is therein contain'd. Therefore you Approve (i) of your *Author's* *Philosophical Account* of the *Origin* of the *Venereal Disease*; namely, that it sprung from a promiscuous *Copulation*: For that *Account* is, in this 17<sup>th</sup> Edition, as well as in the former *Impressions* of the *Practical Scheme*. As to which I have spoken at the Beginning of this *Tract*. (2<sup>dly</sup>) In this 17<sup>th</sup> Edition (p. 4) 'tis said, 'Any Man that pretends to Cure a *Distemper* he does not perfectly, as well according to the Principles of *Philosophy* as *Anatomy* understand, that he may rightly know how and when to oppose *Acids* to *Alcalies*, and *Alcalies* to *Acids*, in which all *Distempers* consist, acts only by Rote.' This Passage, Sir, did you not write your self *Doctor in Physick*, would make me suspect you are little acquainted with the *Nature* of *Diseases*, and their true *Method* of *Cure*. I took some Notice before (p. 3) of this Passage. And (3<sup>dly</sup>) in this 17<sup>th</sup> Edition (p. 5) it is said, 'The *Venom* creeps and insinuates it self a little further, 'till by degrees it seizes on the *Seminal Vessels*, and there creates *Ulcers*, and corrupts the *Seed*; which, at length, by Reason of

of the Parts having lost their *Springyness*, and *Retentive Faculty*, involuntarily comes away, in which consists properly a *Gonorrhœa*, or *virulent Running*. — And this is the 2d Stage in which it [this *Disease*] is call'd a *Virulent Clap*. This Passage, Doctor, effectually shews, that altho' you and your Author have taken upon your selves to recommend *Medicines* for the Cure of the Secret *Disease*, yet you are both so very ignorant in the Nature of it, as not to know from whence the Matter of a *Virulent Gonorrhœa* flows, nor of what it does consist. I therefore refer you to the 9th and 10th Pages of this Tract for Information. 4thly, In this 17th Edition (p. 14) we are told, that the 3d Stage of the Secret *Disease*, that is, the *Pox*, may be Cured without either any *Astringents* or *Salivation*, by the *Specifick Remedy*. This, Sir, must imply, that you and your Author imagine that other Practitioners use *Astringents*, as well as *Salivations*, in curing the *Pox*; but, Sir, *Astringents* are given (when given at all) to take off the Remains of a *Gleet* after the *Infection*, in the first or second Stage of this *Disease* is carry'd off, and never in the *Pox*. You therefore and your Author apparently discover, that neither of you know what Remedies are proper for, and us'd in the Cure of the several Stages of this *Disease*. And did (do you think) any Doctor in *Physick* besides your self, ever talk of putting a Person into a *Salivation* for 8 or 9 Days, for the Cure of an Old *Pox* of two Years standing? *Vid.* page 59.

5thly The whole of what your Author wrote in his 14th, 15th, and 16. Editions of the *Practical Scheme* about his *Elixir* which contains (as he pretends) in it self the *Virtues* of most *Diet-Drinks*, drawn, by *Chymistry*, into a small Compass, is printed in this 17th Edition, and consequently has receiv'd your *Approbation*: Which must be allow'd to discover that you, as well as your Author, are very little acquainted with the true Nature and Properties of the *Materia Medica*, and with *Chymical Pharmacy*. In short, it may justly be suppos'd, that were you much better skill'd in the *Theory* and *Practice* of *Physick*, than your Author, you never would have given this *Approbation* of his *Performances*.

I ought now, Sir, to run over, and make some Remarks on The *Essay upon the Necklace*: But, for want of Room, I shall here take no further Notice of it, then to observe, that your Author having in that *Essay* prov'd, that *Appended Remedies* have, in some Cases, been serviceable seems to think that *Proof*, sufficient to convince the World, that his *Necklace* (being an *Appended Remedy*) will do whatever he and you are pleas'd to say it will do: But, for my Part, I am so fully satisfy'd that he and you both know, that the *Specifick Remedy* and *Elixir* will not

not perform what he in the *Practical Scheme*, and you in your *Approbation* thereof, have said they will ; as that altho' I well know *Appended Remedies* are, in many Cases, of good Use, yet I cannot, on his and your *Authority*, believe this *Necklace* will, in any tolerable *Measure*, answer the *Character* given of it in the said *Essay* and in your *Approbation* thereof. However, Sir, you having assur'd us, that this *Necklace* is endow'd with a Property of fortifying and strengthening the *Brain*, I will take the Freedom to *advise*, that you and your *Author* wear some of them about your own *Necks* : For I verily believe that his and your *Brains* are very *weak*, if not a little *turn'd*. And probably, in Case this *Necklace* be endow'd with the *Property* you say it is, the wearing it may bring them to *Rights* !

But, Sir, you have not only approv'd of the *Practical Scheme*, *Essay*, &c. but of their *Author*, calling him the *Ingenious and Learned Author*. And this we must not suppose you to have done, as I, in the preceeding *Tract*, have done, *Ironically*, but in earnest, that People may (as well from your *Character* of him, as from his own Account of himself) believe him to be an *Ingenious and Learned Physician*. Now, Sir, was your *Author* such a Person, why should he conceal himself from the World ? *Physicians* of Learning and Ingenuity love to be known ; and People, when they read *Learned and Ingenious Tracts*, are desirous of knowing who is the *Author* of them. And when People buy and take *Medicines*, whether they do them *Good or Harm*, it must be a Satisfaction to them to know who prescrib'd, and who prepar'd them : It is really convenient (nay, absolutely necessary) therefore on these *Accounts*, that your *Author* should be known to the Town.

Besides, Sir, your *Learned and Ingenious Author*, in the 5th, 6th, and 7th Editions of his *Practical Scheme*, has bestow'd One whole Chapter of 20 Pages, in Characterizing, Scandalizing, and Abusing those Persons who, he there says, offer their *Service* in and about this Town, for the Cure of the *Secret Disease* ; and when he has bestow'd what *Characters* he has thought fit (that is, such as his Learning, Ingenuity, and *Good Manners*, prompted him to) on Others, why should not I (or any One else) make known, as far as can be, who he himself is, and what his true *Character* ? As to the *Treatment* your *Author* has afforded Others, I will, for your *Satisfaction*, transcribe a little of it from the *Practical Scheme*, (Ed. 5, 6, 7, Ch. 2) and subjoin short *Remarks* thereon, viz. ' The Cure (begins he) of this [the *Venereal*] *Dissemper*, being at best but a CROOKED sort of *Practice*, no *Physician* of Note cares to be known to undertake it.' This *Passage*, you know, Sir, has



has Nothing of Truth in it: The Cure of the Secret Disease being no more a Crooked Practice, than that of curing any other Disease: Nor do Physicians of Note decline Curing it, as Occasion offers. The most famous Physicians of this and other Nations, ever since the Disease first made its Appearance, in this Part of the World, have as freely wrote about that, as about any other Disease, and as avowedly profess'd its Cure. But, Sir, this was spoken by your Author, by Way of Introduction to the Scandal, and silly Invectives he was then going to pelt those Persons with, who pretend principally (if not, some of them, wholly) to the Cure of the Secret Disease; and who, for that Reason, he fear'd, might hinder the Sale of his Specifick Remedy. For which Reason (says he) other Persons (no Physicians) usually offer their Service in this Point. But, Sir, you, and every Body else know, That 'tis not Regular Physicians declining the Cure of the Secret Disease; but Venereal Patients, for Privacy Sake, Inclination, and Proneness to run to Strangers, that make more Intruders into the Practice of Physick pretend to that Cure, than to Others. You may (continues he) have a Bill thrust into your Hands, directing you to some Hand and Urinal, &c. Some Eminent Physicians distribute Bills: Doctor Pechy, of the College of Physicians did it many Years; so did Doctor Salmon, &c. But, it must be own'd, Some who distribute Bills are, for certain, very unfitly qualify'd for the Administration of Physick; yet are they (the most Contemptible of them) preferable to skulking (won't be known) Medicasters: Because with the first a Man may converse, and, by their Discourse and Conversation, judge of them: But of the Latter, One has no Way of guessing any Thing concerning them; unless by what is printed, which many Times is not of their own Composition: And, in Case it be, a Man may be capable of transcribing from Books, and of putting an Account of any Disease tolerably well together, without having any true Knowledge of the Nature of that Disease, and its Cure. Besides, it looks more probable, that a Person who shews himself in the Cures he pretends to, should really understand them, than One who says his Medicines are of this and that Efficacy, but will not himself be known. Your Author having exercis'd his little Share of Sense sarcastically on about 20 particular Persons, the meanest of whom ought to be deem'd superior to himself, he, at length, very demurely acquaints us (p. 28.) with the Requisites for constituting a Quack-Doctor, viz. A General Receipt or two; a few Cramp Words; an Arm Chair; a Night Gown; a good Stock of Impudence, and Ignorance; which last, let it be (says he) as great as possible it can! Now, Sir, Nothing is more plain, than that your Author has a general Receipt or two; that



that is, the Receipts of his *Specifick Remedy*, and *Elixir* : *Cramp Words*, and *Latin Phrases*, are frequent in the 5th, 6th, and 7th Editions of his *Practical Scheme* ! And very likely he may have an *Arm-Chair*, and a *Night-Gown*, at his (either real, or sham) *Sister's Lodgings*, at the *Sugar-Loaf* over-against *Old Round Court* in the *Strand*, ready provided against the Time his *Doctorship* shall please to receive *Visits* : *Impudence* he seems to be abundantly supply'd with ; and of *Ignorance* (in *Physick*) I have made it appear that he has no Want : So that as soon as he please he may present himself in *Cathedrâ Doctoris* ! After a little more silly *Railery*, he says (p. 30.) *What Risque now must Persons run, that venture themselves with such self-made Doctors as these ?* Now, (say I) in Case those *Persons* must be thought to *Risque*, and hazard their *Lives*, who, in any *Disease*, apply to *Persons* professing *Physick*, merely because those *Persons* had not a *University Education* ; certainly a much greater *Risque* do they run, who buy *Specifick Remedies*, which (are sold, amongst other *Fools-Bawbles*, at *Toy-Shops*, and) are prepar'd by *Nobody* knows whom. Your *Author*, Sir, goes on, and (p. 30.) says, ' Thus the World swarms with *Cant*, *Pacquet-Venders*, *Urine-Gazers*, *Medicine Sellers*, *Mountebanks*, *Operators*, *Bill-Doctors*, *Health-Menders*, *Physick-Mongers*, *Men-Spoilers*, *Empiricks*, *Sham-Doctors*, *Bublers*, and *Quacks*. ' Now, Sir, are not almost every one of these pretty *Names* applicable to your *Author* himself ? Are not his *Practical Scheme* and *Essay* stuff'd with *Cant* ? Is not he a *Pacquet-Vender*, *Medicine-Seller*, and a *Physick-Monger* ? Are not his *Books* actually *Bills*, and as such given away ? And whether he be, or be not, a *Sham-Doctor*, *Man-Spoiler*, *Bubler*, and a *Quack*, I leave to my *Readers* to determine. But, Sir, your *Author*, in the same *Page*, goes on still, and informs us, that all the *Persons* spoken of, instead of having had ' an *Academical Education*, were originally *Jacks* of all *Trades*, and *Renegado Mechanicks*, as, *Broken Weavers*, *Barbers*, *Bakers*, *Smiths*, *Sailors*, *Cobblers*, *Tinkers*, *Tailors*, *Scrivners*, *Foot-boys*, *Merry-Andrews*, &c. who know nothing of the Matter they undertake, farther than to get the *Money*. [ 'Tis common with *Knaves* to judge other *Folks Honesty* by their own ! ] ' But having got a *Receipt* or two, a few hard *Words*, and a good Share of *Impudence*, (their other *Trade* failing them) are now commenced *Doctors*, boasting, in *Places* where they are not known, of their *Electuaries*, *Apozems*, *Bolus's*, *Decoctions*, *Spagyrics*, *Panacea's*, and *Tetrachymagogons* ; pretty *Words* to amuse the *Ignorant*, whose *Miseries* make them credulous to ' almost every Thing. ' Now, good *Doctor Paul Chamberlen*, are you not surpriz'd, that your *Friend*, who endeavours that neither his *Person* nor *Place* of *Residence* should, be known to

more Persons than Needs must ; and who, being little known any where, may be said, by News-Paper *Advertisements*, and given-away *Books*, very much to boast every where of his *Specifick Remedy, Elixir, Necklace, Purging Sugar-Plumbs, Saffron-Drops, Daffy's-Elixir, Ague-Plaister, Rheum-Plaister, Beautifying-Cream, &c.* all to be had of his (reputed) *Sister* up one Pair of Stairs at the *Sugar Loaf* over-against *Old Round Court* in the *Strand* : Are you not, I say, surpris'd that he thus rails at, and abuses *Others*, for doing the very Things he every Day does himself ? Of what a mean, base, mischievous *Spirit* and *Disposition* must he be, thus to act ? However, Sir, you now see how your ingenious and learned *Author* manages his Matters, in Order to get *Money* and *Reputation* ! He, being a very cunning *Fellow*, expects to be well thought of himself, by means of his endeavouring that *Others* should be ill thought of, for those very *Practices* he himself pursues, and hopes to get *Credit* by ! Nay, (such is his *Wisdom*, that) he hopes to be proclaim'd the most *honest Doctor* in *Town*, on Account of those very Things for which he (p. 32.) calls *Others damn'd Dogs*, and *Rogues in Nature* ! And those, he tells you, whom he calls *damn'd Dogs* and *Rogues in Nature*, are some of the *Topping Doctors* of the *Tribe* ! And now, Sir, is it not, think you, a great deal of *Pity* that a *Gentleman* of so much *Learning, Knowledge in Physick, Philosophy, and Chymistry*, and endow'd with so much *Good Sense*, and *Good Manners* as your Ingenious and learned *Author* appears to be possess'd of, and endow'd with, should remain a *Stranger* to the *World* ? Allow me therefore, Sir, for once to commit a *Rape* on his (sham) *Modesty*, and to oblige him *volens Volens* to be known to his *Patiens*, as it is (you know) very proper every *skilful Physician* should be.

Your *Author*, Sir, told us, in the 13th Edition of the *Practical Scheme*, that his *Specifick Remedy* was remov'd from Mr. *Love's* on the 15th of *March 1715*. After which, it seems, another *Specifick*, call'd, *The Royal Specifick Arcanum*, was left there to be sold, with *Books* given gratis to recommend it : Which *Royal Specifick Arcanum*, and *Books*, your *Author* thought fit to represent to the *World*, in an *Advertisement* in the *News-Paper* call'd *St. James's Post*, on *Sept. 7th, 1715*, as *Counterfeits* of his *Specifick Remedy*, and *Practical Scheme* : Whereupon the *Author* (who is a *German*) of the *Royal Specifick Arcanum, &c.* caus'd an *Advertisement* in their *Vindication*, to be publish'd in *St. James Post*, on *Sept. 14th, 1715* ; which last mention'd *Advertisement* is as follows, viz.

In answer to a false, envious *Publication* in this Paper on *Wednesday, Sept. 7th*, This is to give *Notice*, That the only *Book* teaching People to know their own *Case*, and cure themselves

selves of any *Venereal Injury*, is given away by Mrs. Weed, at Mr. Lovel's, the Sign of the Patten facing *Suffolk-Street*, recommending the true Protestant *Specifick*, much less in Quantity than that so vapour'd of in the *Practical Scheme of the Secret Disease*, given at Mrs. Garway's, and at Mr. Cooper's near *Hungerford Market*, and wrote by one TANNER, whose Character take as follows. Several at Mr. Lovel's have assur'd us, he is a **POPISH PRIEST**, whom they have seen performing **MASS**, and know to be a very lewd *Debauchee*; who, tho' he has the *Impudence* to stile himself *Physician*, is as much a **QUACK** as his Brethren *Upstarts* he pretends to detect. See now the *Doctor* and the *Saint*, that talks so much in his Books of *Mens sana & Corpus sanum*: *Nigroq; simillima Cygno*. But the *Double Doctor* is very angry at the Book at Lovel's, and tells us, *Virgil* says, *interstripit Ausser Olores*, and so say I too. Yet One would think he dealt with the Devil, for he has more Tricks than *Wafers*, *Beads*, and *Crosses*, being *Omnium Horarum Homo*, according to the *Romish Mode*: For such *Priests* use to be *Raree Shews*, *Coblers*, and *Spies* under any Covert! This Year he dedicates to the *Royal Society* an *Essay*, &c. to sell a *Necklace* at the *Millener's* near the *Play-house* in *Lincoln's-Inn Fields*, (made, I'll warrant you, of the Wonder-working *Relicks* of some old rotten *Saint*!) But to induce you to buy it, and shew his *Magnum Ingenium*, he has found out, he says, what the *Ingenious* long waited for, i. e. *A new Art of Short-Hand*; vide *Rich's*. He has more *Shapes* still: Here he puts off *Purging Sugar-Plumbs*, *Saffron-Drops*, *Daffy's Elixir*, and a *Blister Plaister*. *Utrum Horum maris accipie*. Is not the *Doctor* then a good *Confessor* to prepare variety of *Physick* for such stubborn *Hereticks*? But that at Mr. Lovel's is *Heretical*, so no Wonder he damns the Book for a *Counterfeit*. The *second Part* of his *Life* will be ready when he pleases: And 'tis hop'd the *publick* will beware; for instead of passing for *Doctors*, he and his Crew, our restless *Foes*, should be pack'd off to *Rome* and *St. Omers*.

Thus the *Advertisement* in *St. James's Post*. Now hear what my Friend Mr. Taylor says to the Matter.

**I** George Taylor, living in *Falcon-Court*, *Southwark*, hereby certify, that being Yesterday, *Sept. 7th*, 1716, among some other Persons a drinking with Mr. Lovel, who keeps the *Toy-shop* at the *Patten* over-against *Great Suffolk-Street End*, near *Charing-Cross*, the said Mr. Lovel declar'd solemnly over and over again, before all the Company, that the Person for whom he, the said Mr. Lovel, sold the *Specifick Remedy* for the *Secret Disease*, went, at a *Presbyterian's House* at *Westminster*, where he lodg'd, by the Name of *Twist*, but that his right Name is *Tan-*



ner: That he has heard, and does believe he is a *Popish Priest*: And One Mr. Davis a *Watch-Maker*, then in Company, and who then lodg'd at Mr. Lovel's said, it can (as he believes) be prov'd that this *Twist*, alias *Tanner*, has officiated as a *Popish Priest* beyond Sea. Mr. Lovel said, when we sold *Tanner's Specifick Remedy*, *Tanner* came to his Shop almost every Day to change the *Totts*, because the *Matter* in them *Spu'd* out. That he, the said Mr. Lovel, was very much and often abus'd for selling that *Medicine*, because it did not answer the *Buyers Expectations*. And Mr. Lovel, further said that One Man who had bought the *Specifick Remedy* of him, and taken it (as he said) without *Effect*, demanded his *Money* again, which Mr. Lovel refusing to Return, that Man took out a *Warrant* against him, and carry'd him before a *Jusfice of the Peace*, who order'd Mr. Lovel to return that Man his *Money* again, which he then did: And that, soon after, *Tanner* himself order'd Mr. Lovel, that whenever any Person should make a *Noise* and seem *Resolute*, he should Return the *Money* without more ado; which he thereupon several Times did. Witness my Hand this 8th Day of September, 1716.

George Taylor.

And now, Doctor, are you not almost asham'd of your Ingenious and Learned Author? Is this, do you think, a proper Time for an *English Protestant* to countenance, and confederate with *Sculking Popish Priests*? Does not your Author (*Practical Scheme* Ed. 5, 6, 7, p. 72.) say, 'Now, as I have writ this little *Treatise* as well for my own *Diversion*, as for the *Instruction* of Others, *Utile Dulce*, not getting a Penny by it: So my Readers are very Welcome to pass what *Censure* they please upon it. And as for the *Remedy* I have left to be sold, if not ONE is sold in a Years Time, it will not break one Hour of my Rest; I having (God be thanked) independent of these little *Profits*, a very handsome *Subsistence*.' And is it not, Sir, reasonable to suppose, that the *Subsistence* your Author here vapours of, is an *Allowance* either from Rome, or St. Germain's, to promote the *Pope* and the *Pretender's* Interest in *Great Britain*? And may not every One who countenances and conceals *Popish Priests*, be justly suspected of being an *Enemy* to our *Protestant King GEORGE*? Have we not just now had a *Popish* (as well as a *Jacobite*) *Rebellion*? And has the same (do you think) not been promoted in some measure, and encourag'd (as also our late *Street-Mobbs*, *Riots* and *Tumults*) by *Popish Priests* lurking One in One Corner, and Another in Another, amongst Us? Are not *Popish Priests* accusom'd, in these *Protestant Countries*, to assume any *Shape*, *Character* and *Employment*, to the End that by means of that *Disguise* they may have

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an Opportunity of instilling, Disloyal, and Popish Principles into the People? Do not all *Papists* call the Reform'd Religion, *Heresy*? And *Protestants*, of every Denomination, *Hereticks*? And does not the *Romish Church* indulge and encourage her *Votaries*, and all of her Communion, in endeavouring, by all means, to extirpate *Heresy*, and *Hereticks*? Do not the *Romish Priests* perswade the People of their *Church* to believe that *Murdering Protestants*, and *Killing Dogs* are alike innocent Actions? Nay, many Times, that the assisting in, publick *Murders*, and *Massacres*, for the Good (as they pretend) of the *Holy Roman Catholick Church*, are meritorious *Deeds*? Do not the *Histories* of the *Massacres* of *Paris*, *Ireland*, &c. prove this? And, Sir, who can tell what your *Author's* real *Aim* and *Design* is, in publishing his pretended *Great Remedies*? If he be (as you see is said of him) a *Popish Priest*; may he not, by means of them, oblige (designedly) the *Romish Church*, in destroying some of those she deems *Hereticks* in *Great Britain*? may not his *Specifick* and *Elixir* be design'd to Ruin the *Constitutions* of those Persons who shall take them? And may not his *Necklace* be design'd to prevent *Parents* taking proper Measures to preserve their *Infants*? That is, that whilst they depend on his (do-no-Good) *Necklace*, the *Infant* (who, by proper means, might have been reliev'd) may be snatch'd away by *Death*? And should *Women*, on his and your *Advice*, depend, in the Hour of *Travel*, on the Efficacy of this *Necklace*, how many of them would inevitably be lost? So that, Sir, your *Author* may, for ought we know, have a *Design* on the *Health*, *Well-Being*, and *Lives* of the *Protestant Men*, *Women*, and *Children* of this Kingdom, in the Sale of his *Specifick*, *Necklace*, &c. And indeed, what else can he aim at? For, as to the *Profits* thence arising, he professes, you see, that he is not in any concern about it! Two *Objections*, I know, may be made against this *Surmize*, viz. 1. That in this Case the *British Catholicks* might, by this Means, be injur'd, and destroy'd as well as the *Protestant*. To which I answer (1) That without all Doubt the *Pope*, and the Generality of Foreign *Papists* (even the *Pretender* himself) would be glad that all the *Papists* of these three Kingdoms were *Murder'd*, on Condition that all the *Protestants* were *Murder'd*, with them. (2) In case your *Author* be endeavouring to do what *Mischief* he can with his *Specifick*, &c. It may justly be supos'd that the most noted *Papists* of these Kingdoms are let into the *Secret*; And consequently are themselves safe. The second *Objection* is, that the many *Authentick Certificates* publish'd of *Cures* done, prove the real *Goodness*, *Worth*, and *Efficacy* of your *Author's* advertis'd *Remedies*. To this I answer, that this *Objection* cannot be of any Force, until it shall be

be prov'd, that the Persons who sign those *Certificates*, are Persons of *Good Sense*, and *Real Honesty*: Such as cannot themselves be impos'd on, and who will not impose on Others. For, otherwise, we can't have any *Good Assurance* that any such *Cures* as are certify'd of, were really perform'd. Nay, for ought can be publickly known, the pretendedly cured *Certifyers* may be none Other than some *Popish Confederates*, who will certify (and swear) any Thing to serve your *Author*, and the Interest of their *Holy Church*! And, Sir, why should your *Author*, in Case he has none other *Views* than the *Gains* to be made by *Quacking*, and the *Vending* of *Medicines*, sculk from one *Lodging* to Another, and absolutely refuse to be known, even to them who take his *Medicines*? And why should he go by one *Name* in one Place, and Another in Another? And why does he pretend sometimes to one *Business*, and at other Times to Another? Did he not, above three Years ago lodge at Mr. *Parfit's* at the *Blew Ball* in the *Vinegar-Yard*, *Drury-Lane*? And after that, at Mr. *Partridge's*, at the *Fox* over-against the *Maypole* in the *Stand*? And after that, at the *Black Perriwig* over-against *Durham Yard*? And did he not, in those Places, go by the Name of *Tanner*? And did he not afterwards lodge at Mr. *Holmes's*, a Carpenter, in the *Ambury*, near the *Gate-house* in *Westminster*? And did he not there go by the Name of *Twist*, 'till Somebody discover'd his other Name, viz. *Tanner*? And has he not also gone by the Name of *Pritchard*? And who can tell which (or whether any) of these be his right Name? Did not Mr. *Lewis* of *Covent-Garden*, *Bookseller*, sell his *Short-Hand Book*, and receive *Letters* for him from those who wanted to be taught? Did he not, after that, become a *Bird-Merchant*? Did he not publish a *Book* about *Breeding*, and *Teaching Canary-Birds*? Is not that *Book* (unless lately remov'd) to be had of Mr. *Bradshaw*, a *Barber*, next Door to the *King's-Head*, at the End of *Crown-Street*, between *Denmark-Street* and *Soho-Square*? But, Sir, which is more to our Purpose, do you know, or did you ever hear, That your *Author*, at any *Lodging* or *Habitation*, profess'd himself (by any Name whatsoever) a *Doctor in Physick*, a *Surgeon*, or an *Apothecary*? Or that he did ever practice as such? And if not, how can you excuse your having approv'd of, and recommended to the World, his *Medicines*, and *Treatises*, in which he insinuates himself to be a *Graduate Physician* of good Note, Reputation, and Business?

Really, *Doctor Chamberien*, in Case your Ingenious and Learned *Author* be a *Popish Priest*, or ever has been One, altho', as is also said of him, now (perhaps only under a *Colour*) divested of his *Priesthood*, on Account of his scandalous Life and Conversation, you may (indeed) hug him, and make as much

much of him as you please ; but, for my Part, I must own, I have very little *Esteem* and *Value* for those *Gentlemen*. However, for *Good Manners* Sake, I will not say (whatever I think) of *Popish Priests*, as your *Author* has done in the *Practical Scheme* (Ed. 5th, 6th, and 7th, p. 32.) of his (now) Brethren the *Quacks*, that they are *Damn'd Dogs*, and *Rogues in Nature* !

Presuming, *Doctor*, that your *Author* has not as yet prevail'd with you to burn your *Bible*, I request you to turn to 1 *Kings*, Chap. 22. where it is written for our *Instruction*,

Verse 20. *And the LORD said, Who shall persuade Ahab, that he may go up, and fall at Ramoth-gilead ? And One said on this Manner, and Another on that Manner.*

21. *And there came forth a Spirit, and stood before the LORD, and said, I will persuade him.*

22. *And the LORD said unto him, Wherewith ? And he said, I will go forth, and I will be a Lying Spirit in the Mouth of all his Prophets. And he said, Thou shalt persuade him, and prevail also : Go forth, and do so.*

Here, Sir, we see a *Spirit*, who doubtless was the *Devil*, had, in the Days of Old, God's *Permission* to be a *Lying Spirit* in the Mouth of all *Ahab's Prophets* : And, Sir, I have a *Suspicion*, that the same *Spirit* has God's *Permission*, at this Day, to be a *Lying Spirit* (vid. 2 *Theff. Chap. ii.*) in the Mouth of all the *Pope's Priests* : For it is a known *Maxim* with them, That *Faith is not to be kept with Hereticks*. Now, Sir, they who will not keep *Faith*, that is, be as good as their *Word*, must be *Lyars* of Course : So that (in Case I have a right Notion of this Matter) every *Popish Priest*, being possess'd with a *Lying Spirit*, must necessarily be a *Liar* himself, and a *Prompter* of other People to *Lying*. Now, Sir, let us see whether your *Author* has not, in his *Books*, *Advertisements*, and *Certificates*, given as convincing *Proof* as can reasonably be desir'd, that he is as really possess'd with this *Lying Spirit* as any One of *Ahab's Prophets* ever was ; and that accordingly, he follows the *Dictates* of this *Lying Spirit* himself, and prompts others so to do.

First, as to your *Author's* being really possess'd with a *Lying Spirit*, and following his *Dictates*, let it be judg'd of from the following *Particulars*. 1. As to himself, who, it seems, never was other than a *Priest*, a *Teacher of Short-Hand*, a *Breeder* and *Teacher of Canary-Birds*, &c. yet in his *Practical Scheme* insinuates that he is a *Physician* : In the *Practical Scheme* (Ed. 14th, 15th, 16th, p. 3.) he says,

1st, He went through *Courses of Philosophy* at the *University*, before he began the study of *Physick* ; and in every Edition of that *Treat*, to the 13th inclusive, he says, his *Specifick Remedy* was communicated to him by a *Brother Physician*. And, gi-  
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ving *Advice* (Ed. 5th, 6th, 7th, p. 71.) to poor People, who can't purchase his *Specifick*, he bids them apply to a *Regular Physician*, (as if he was One himself) who has taken his *Degrees* in an *University* ! And (Ed. 5th, 6th, 7th, p. 54, 55.) he insinuates, that his *Reasons* for not making himself known, when he publish'd his *Specifick Remedy*, were, 1st, That Persons having the *Medicines* and *Directions*, might cure themselves. 2dly, A Fear of being kept too much in Town. 3dly, And chiefly, a Fear of *injuring* his other *Medicinal Practice* : ' For, (says he, ' p. 55.) to be sure, no *Ladies*, or other Persons of *Honour* and ' *Reputation*, will ever come to such a *Physician's House*, for ' Fear of being suspected to have this *Distemper*, by those who ' shall see them go out and in, if once his *Name is up* for curing it : So that he must bid adieu to his other *Practice*, if he ' designs to have this. For ALL which *Reasons*, this *Specifick ' Remedy*, with the *Lotion*, &c. to assist it in the several *Stages ' of the Distemper* are seal'd up, &c.' All these *Affertions* and *Insinuations*, Sir, of your *Author* concerning himself, are doubtless the *Effects* of his being possess'd with the above-mention'd *Lying Spirit* !

2dly, As to the *Specifick Remedy*, I observe, 1. That the first *Notice* your *Author* (so far as I know) gave us of it, was in a *Folio Half Sheet*, entitled, *Good News to the World*, given gratis at Mrs. Garway's, &c. And in that *Half Sheet* he says, this *Specifick Remedy* was never us'd by any Other than *Himself* and one *Physician* more : But in every *Edition* of the *Practical Scheme* he owns it was known to, and long us'd by two *Physicians* before it was discover'd to him. These *Relations* are inconsistent, and can't be both true. 2. In every *Edition* of the *Practical Scheme* your *Author* affirms, the *Specifick Remedy* was communicated to him by an eminent *Physician* ; and that he, before he publish'd it, made large *Trial* of it in *Private Practice*. 3. In every *Edition* of the *Practical Scheme*, he says, after this *Trial* of his *Specifick* in *private Practice*, he communicated it to two of the chief *Physicians* in *London*, and had their *Approbation* of it before he publish'd it. 4. And as in every *Edition* of the *Practical Scheme*, your *Author* tells us, he, before he publish'd his *Specifick Remedy*, communicated it to two *Physicians* ; so, in his *Epistle Dedicatory*, prefix'd to the 14th, 15th, and 16th *Editions*, he tells us, he also communicated the whole *Secret* and *Preparation* of it to *your self*, and to Dr. Radcliff. But, Sir, your *Cunning Author*, as if he was possess'd with a *Foolish Spirit*, as well as with a *Lying Spirit*, having thus told us, he himself has communicated this *Specifick Remedy* to four *Physicians*, who, in that Case, may, for ought he can know to the contrary, have communicated it to four Hundred other



But, Sir, the main *Observation* I have to make on this *Affair*, and which all the World, I am sure, will allow, affords a convincing *Proof* of your *Author's* want of *Veracity*; or, if you please, of his being possess'd with a *Lying-Spirit*, is this, viz. Your learned and ingenious *Author* in the 12th *Edition* of the *Practical Scheme*, as also in the 23d *Page* of that *Edition*, inform'd the World that the *Specifick Remedy* was, before the Publication of that *Edition*, remov'd from Mr. *Lovel's* to Mr. *Cooper's*: And in the same *Edition* (namely the 13th) of the *Practical Scheme*, the same Promise of a *Return of Money*, and on the same *Terms* as in its former *Editions*, is continu'd, and, after many fine Things in Commendation of the *Specifick Remedy*, your *Author* there (p. 20.) says, ' But what is still ' more than all that has been said of it, is, that out of the ' great *Quantities* that have been dispos'd of since it was first ' publish'd, not so much as any ONE *Person* ever yet demand- ' ed a Return of their Money again; or even ever made any ' the LEAST *Complaint* of it; which to be sure some *Peevish* ' *Person* or other, would not have fail'd to have done, ' if they could but have found the least Room for any *Flaw* ' or *Complaint* in it, considering the *Free Offer* that is here ' made of it, out of such a great Number of Persons that have ' bought of it, if it had not fully answer'd their *Expectations*.' Your *Author*, in the 14th, 15th, and 16th *Editions* of the *Practical Scheme*, has made no Promise of Returning Money on any *Terms* whatever: But in each of these *Editions*, (p. 22.) he says, ' Since it [the *Specifick Remedy*] was first publish'd, ' not so much as any ONE *Person* ever made any the LEAST ' *Complaint* of it; which to be sure some *Peevish* *Person* or ' other would not have fail'd to have done, if they could ' but have found the *Least* Room for any *Flaw*, or *Complaint* ' in it." The very same Passage, *Doctor*, is continu'd in (p. 19. of) the 17th *Edition* of the *Practical Scheme* that is come out with your *Approbation*: And the Words here by me put in *Capitals*, are so printed in the *Practical Scheme*, the better and more effectually to convince People of the Truth and Importance of this *Passage* and *Circumstance*; namely, that not so much as ONE *Person*, from the first Publication of the *Specifick Remedy*, even until the Publication of the 17th *Edition* of the *Practical Scheme*, now (Novemb. 1716) given away at Mrs. *Garway's*, at the *Royal-Exchange*, Mr. *Cooper's*, the Corner of *Charles-Court* in the *Strand*, and up One Pair of Stairs at the *Sugar-Loaf*, over-against *Old Round-Court* in the *Strand*, has ever (NO not so much as ONCE!) made any the LEAST *Complaint* of this *Little Remedy*: But, on the contrary, have

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(Ed. 17th, p. 23.) ALL, as many as have taken of it, been Cured by it; and have recommended it One to Another.

Thus your *Author*, Sir, and with your *Approbation*: Notwithstanding all which, a sufficient Number of Complaints, if I am rightly inform'd, have been made of this *Little Remedy* at Mr. Cooper's, and at Mrs. Garway's, who have themselves been (I believe) oftner, and more than they desir'd, affronted, and roughly talk'd to by Persons who bought this (in Truth) *Little Remedy* of them, and found it not to answer their Expectations. However, *Doctor*, what can either you, or your Learned and Ingenious *Author*, say to this *Passage* in Mr. Taylor's before-going Certificate, (p. 100) viz. — *That he the said Mr. Lovel, was very much abused, for selling that Medicine, because it did not answer the Buyer's Expectation. And Mr. Lovel farther said, That one Man, who had bought it, and taken it without Effect, demanded his Money again, which Mr. Lovel refusing to return, he took out a Warrant against him, and carry'd him before a Justice of the Peace, who order'd Mr. Lovel to return that Man his Money again, which he then did: And that soon after, Tanner [that is, your Author] himself order'd Mr. Lovel, that whenever any Person should make a Noise, and seem Resolute, he should return the Money without more ado, which thereupon he several Times did.*

Now, good *Doctor Chamberlen*, will you be pleas'd, Sir, to view over this *Matter*, consider it well, and, when you shall have so done, tell us seriously, whether you do believe that the Devil has, at any Time, and when, since he became a *Lying Spirit* in the Mouth of King *Ahab's* Prophets, ever once prompted any Man to tell (much less, to print) a more notorious and bare-fac'd LYE than your *Author* has publish'd in the 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, and 17th Editions of his *Practical Scheme*, in therein telling the World, that since his *Specifick Remedy*, otherwise (by himself) call'd, his *Little Remedy*, was first publish'd, not so much as any ONE Person, ever made any the LEAST Complaint of it; but that ALL, as many (Ed. 17th, p. 23.) as has taken of it, have been cured by it: When he (your *Author*) well knew the *Matters* contain'd in the above-written *Passage* of Mr. Taylor's Certificate, to be Fact and Truth. And yet, Sir, your *Author* (such is his *Hypocrisy*) insinuates himself to be a very conscientious Man! And one who is very cautious of being guilty of a Lye! Do but behold this *Wolf in Sheep's Cloathing*; this demure Devil acting the Saint; I could (says he, Ed. 17th, p. 24.) easily tell the World if I would, That a few Doses of it will ALWAYS INFALLIBLY cure the very worst of Cases; but then I should tell one of the worst of Lyes. Now, Sir, could this *Passage* be thrust in by your *Author* with any

in *Injuries* of not above three or four *Days Date*, according to the *Degree* of *Malignity* receiv'd; for some Persons will be deeply infected in a few *Days*, whereas others shall have a very slight *Clap* hanging on them some *Months*. Where this, I say happens, it may require more than *One Pot*, two may do; but the Use of *THREE* will disappoint no *ONE* in the *Cure* of any *COMMON Clap*, *Gleet*, *Running*, or *Gonorrhœa*, if the above-mention'd *Rules* and *Directions* be but punctually and cheerfully observ'd; for I cannot pretend to cure any Person who will not lend a helping Hand themselves. If this *METHOD* with *THREE Pots*, disappoints any One whose *Case* is only the *First*, or *Second Stage* of this *Disease*, they shall have their *Money* return'd again, AS I'll presently mention. But as to the *THIRD Stage*, how do I know how a Person's *Blood* may be infected? I'll promise *NO* certain *Quantity* nor *Time*, for the *Cure* of this *Stage*. ALL that I CAN do, is, to propose to such of my *Readers* as may unfortunately have the *third Stage* upon them, a *Method* of *Cure* to be us'd with the *Specifick Remedy*, which has cur'd *Hundreds*, and therefore why not them? Tho' I think in my Heart, that whoever does but follow and stick close to the *Method* here mention'd, will not be frustrated in their *Expectation*, let their *Case* be what it will; but at least, there will be *NO Return* of *Money*, on *Account* of the *third Stage*.

Now as to the *Return* of *Money*: Any Person, who, within *28 Days* inclusive, after buying their first *Pot*, will come to the *Shop* where they bought their *Pots*, and upon the *Word* and *Honour* of a *Gentleman* declare these following *Points*:

1<sup>st</sup>. That their *Condition* was only the *first*, or *second Stage* of the *Distemper*, and that they have taken *THREE* entire *Pots*, and follow'd exactly and punctually all the *Directions*.

2<sup>dly</sup>. That they have so follow'd the *Cure*, as to have taken the *three* entire *Pots* now mention'd all within the prescrib'd *28 Days*; which will also appear by the *Shop-Book*, wherein the *Sale* of every *Pot* is *Register'd*; which they may easily do, if they have but their *Cure* so at Heart as to be serious about the Matter, having a whole *Lunar Month* here allow'd them for taking of *THREE Pots*, which are no bigger than three *Walnuts*, and which those of my *Patients* take usually in less than *20 Days*, whose *Case* is such as to require *three Pots*. Besides, to take something this *Week*, and by finding *Benefit* from it, to neglect going On, as too many do, is not the best *Way* to be cured, it must be follow'd while you are at it. Not but that a Person may be cured so, but 'tis not so certain, and consequently *NO Return* of *Money* is promis'd to

such *Delays*, where the Fault is in the *Neglect* of taking the *Remedy*, and not in the *Remedy* itself.

3dly. That they have not hinder'd the *Cure* by any criminal *Venereal Act*, for 28 *Days* last past, and that they find NO *Benefit*, shall receive where they bought their *three Pots*, their *three Guineas* again ; only giving a *Receipt* for them, for the Satisfaction of the *Author*, (otherwise, the *Shops* must be accountable for them) and also producing the *three Pots*, with the *Papers* and *Covers* wherein they were wrapt, with *three* of these *Books* of *Directions*, &c. for a *Testimony* that *three* such *Pots* were bought there on such and such *Days*. But NO *Return* of *Money* will be under THREE *Guineas*, because many *Persons* *Dissemp*er is such, that less will not *Cure* them ; and if *Persons* will not take enough to *Cure* them, 'tis their *Fault*, and not the *Remedy's*, and consequently the *Blame* lies at their own *Door*.

*Observations.*] Now, Sir, you have seen on what *Terms* your *Author*, in his seal'd up *Directions*, promised a *Return* of *Money* : And, in order to make due *Reflections* on them, 'tis necessary to look back to what I just before transcrib'd from the *Practical Scheme*, in Relation to this Matter, and then I am very confident you'll allow the following *Observations*, on the whole, are proper and just ; and that they make it evident, that your *Author's* good *Intentions* and *Integrity* in this *Affair*, may very reasonably be suspected, viz. (1) That where the *Promise* is made, in the *Practical Scheme*, that their *Money* shall be return'd, who shall buy, take, and find NO *Benefit* by the *Specifick Remedy*, not one *Word* is said of the many *Prescriptions* set down in the seal'd up *Directions* to assist that *Remedy* in curing a *Clap* : In another Place, indeed, of the *Practical Scheme*, there are (which must, it seems, help out at a dead *List*) the ensuing loose, and (as it were) careless *Expressions*, viz. ' Now since this *Remedy* is to fall into the Hands of all  
' Sorts of People, of which SOME may be willing to provide  
' a FEW *Things*, for their *Cure*, altho' OTHERS may not :  
' For the Sake therefore of THOSE *Persons*, I have in the  
' *Directions* set down plain *Prescriptions* in *English*, of what ever  
' *Things* (generally speaking) will be necessary for the *Cure*,  
' together with the *Specifick Remedy*, which is the *Basis* and  
' Foundation of all.' Now, Sir, here it is only said, that because some might, altho' Others might not, be willing to provide a few *Things* for their *Cure*, for their Sake who are willing so to do, *Prescriptions* are set down, which fully implies, that the *Specifick Remedy* will do without them ; So that I do not conceive it possible that any One should take much Notice of this *Passage*, after he had been told over and over again, that



that ONE innocent Thing the *Specifick Remedy*, would answer ALL Intentions, and SO perfectly compleat the Cure, that NONE, in COMMON Claps, should be disappointed ; that is, of being cured (as the *Practical Scheme* assur'd) with *Ease, Safety, Privacy, Certainty*, and without Slip-Slops of *Physick*.

(2) Not one Word is said, that THREE Pots (much less that three Pots, and all the Slip-Slops, *nauseous Draughts, &c.* prescrib'd in the *Directions*) must be taken within the 28 Days.

(3) Not one Word is said, in any one Edition of the *Practical Scheme*, that they who should demand a Return of their Money, must declare their Condition was only the first or second Stage of the Secret Disease : Or, that in Case their Condition was the third Stage, (that is, the *Pox*) there should be NO Return of Money.

(4) Not one Word that a Return of Money should be deny'd to those who should have Conversation with a Woman during those 28 Days. Of all which Particulars, your Author, in Case he meant honestly, most certainly ought to have appriz'd every Body in his given-away Books, as well as the Unfortunate, after taking their Money in his seal'd up *Directions* : For he must believe, that most Buyers would be surpriz'd at, and think themselves trick'd and impos'd on, in Relation to (some at least) of these Particulars. But your Author seems plainly (in my Opinion) to have endeavour'd so to word his given-away Books, as to put People on buying his *Specifick Remedy* ; and so to manage the Terms about returning Money, as that, supposing a thousand (or ten thousand) Persons should buy and take his *Specifick Remedy*, and not one Person be cured by it, not one Person should ever be found capacitated to demand a Return of Money conformable to the Terms on which he promis'd it should be return'd ; and consequently a Return should not ever be made ! For they who should buy, and take this *Specifick Remedy*, in Expectation of being cured of a *Pox* by it, are plainly told, (that is, in the seal'd up *Directions*, but not in the given-away Books) that they, however it shall happen to them, shall have NO Return of their Money : And as for them who are Clap'd only, they (too) must either go without their Money, or take three entire Pots (whether they can or not) of the *Specifick Remedy*, together with all the real Slip-Slops prescrib'd in the *Directions*, use all the *Plaisters, Lotions, Balsams, &c.* as their Case shall seem to require, and declare (on the Word and Honour of a Gentleman ; otherwise the Declaration stands for nothing, which excludes all Women, and more than nine Parts in ten of the Men) that they have so done, within the said 28 Days, and find NO BENEFIT ! Now, Sir, I conceive it hardly possible, (and so doubtless did your Author too, when he penn'd his Terms)

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that any One labouring with a *Clap*, should take *purging* (and other) *Physick* (whether proper or not) for a whole *Month* together, and yet be able solemnly to declare he has receiv'd *no Benefit*. A Man, after having taken *Physick* for any *Disease*, is very apt to suppose he has receiv'd *Good* by it, when indeed he has not. And in a *Clap*, a Man may think he has receiv'd *Benefit* by that *Physick*, that has really donè him much *Harm*; that is, it may have stop'd his *Running*, and seemingly have cured his *Clap*; but at the same Time may have lock'd up the *Infection*, or have thrown it into his *Blood*, and have *pox'd* him. And a Man may also receive some *Benefit* from a Medicine that will never cure him: To this Purpose, your *Author*, in three or four of his *Editions*, said of his *Specifick Remedy*, in Relation to the *Pox*, *Take my Advice*, (said he) *and do not lay out your Money upon this Specifick Remedy, for it will not cure you; 'twill, 'tis true, keep your Distemper something under, by carrying off some Part of the Venom: But what's that to the Purpose of your entire Cure?* Thus your *Author* himself (formerly) on his *Specifick Remedy*, in Relation to the *Pox*! The same I may suggest of it in Relation to a *Clap*; namely, that in Case it will not cure a *Clap*, or, at some Times, should happen not to cure a *Clap*, yet doubtless, being taken for a Month together, and that according to his Directions, the *Person* taking it, will certainly receive, or seem to have receiv'd some *Benefit* by it; so that I do not see how, on your *Author's Terms*, any one Person should demand a Return of Money, even tho' many should use his *Specifick Remedy*, and none be cur'd by it. Besides, most *Gentlemen*, when disgusted with the Sight of a Heap of *Prescriptions* they thought nothing of, or see Reason to believe they shall not be cured by the *Specifick Remedy*, will rather send their first *Guinea*, together with their *Not-to-be-found Doctor*, to the *Devil* in a hearty *Curse*, than once think of exposing themselves at *Lovel's*, *Cooper's*, or *Garway's*, in demanding a Return of their Money on the Terms set down in the Directions: And as to Persons in mean Circumstances, who might perhaps go to the *Pawn-Brokers* for Money to buy the first Pot, in Expectation of Wonders from it, we may readily guess (without excluding them from a Demand, as not being *Gentlemen*) what their Fate will be. And to what Purpose, Sir, could your *Author* put it in his Terms of Returning Money, that the Person demanding it should produce his *Pots*, and not only them, but their *Covers*, the *Papers* they were wrapt in, and all the *three Books of Directions*: I say, to what Purpose should he put all this in his Terms, unless to farther incapacitate Persons for making a Demand of their Money, on a Presumption that some or other of those *Trifles* would be scatter'd, mislaid, and lost.

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Other Persons, tells us also, in those three Editions, (p. 16.) That this *Secret*, the *Specifick Remedy*, the *Author* of it being dead, is now ONLY in his own *Breast*! Your *Author*, Sir, doubtless, thought telling *Folks* he had made known this *Secret* to four eminent Physicians, and that they all approv'd of it, would make abundance of People think the better of it: And then asserting, that the *Secret* is now only in his own *Breast*, would prevent *People's* expecting of it from any other Hand. But here, Sir, we see how necessary it is, (according to the Proverb) That a *Liar* should have a good *Memory*. (5) Your *Author*, Sir, in some Editions of the *Practical Scheme*, positively affirms, that this *Specifick Remedy* in common *Claps*, will, without taking ANY other *Thing*, answer ALL *Intentions* of Cure; so that NONE will be disappointed who will but be pleas'd to try it. (6) And your *Author*, in his 14th, 15th, and 16th Editions, (p. 21.) pretends this *Specifick Remedy* is the *Medicine* which the famous Dr. Wall was continually hankering after, and aim'd at; and which all his Life-time he was endeavouring to obtain and find out, and offer'd a great *Sum of Money* for, but could never get it. But, Ed. 17th, p. 15, He says, this *Medicine*, when it was communicated to him, was very imperfect: And that he has so alter'd it, and improv'd it, as to make it almost quite another *Thing*! So that it seems the ingenious Dr. Wall was all his Life-time hankering after, and endeavouring to purchase a very imperfect *Medicine*! (7) Your *Author*, Sir, tells us in every One of his Editions, that this *Specifick Remedy* had been us'd by two eminent Physicians successively, for above 40 Years: And (Ed. 14, 15, 16, p. 15.) had done upwards of 20000 Cures, before it was communicated to him: Is it not strange, Sir, that during 40 Years Experience of a *Medicine*, and performing twenty thousand Cures with it, two eminent Physicians should not bring that *Medicine* to *Perfection*? (8) But, Sir, your *Author* is, it seems, now appriz'd, that he having communicated the Original *Receipt* of his *Specifick Remedy* first to two of the chief Physicians of *London*, and afterwards to your self and Dr. Radcliff, that that *Receipt* could be no longer his own *Secret*: And, for that Reason, he, as I conceive, pretends now to have so improv'd and alter'd that *Remedy*, as to make it almost quite another *Thing*, and consequently (Ed. 17, p. 15) it became now (says he) entirely my own *Secret*! When he publish'd his 16th Edition, it was his own *Secret*, because the *Author* of it was dead: Now he has publish'd his 17th Edition, it is his own *Secret*, by Means of the *Alterations* and *Improvements* he has made of it! (9) But, Sir, notwithstanding the great *Alterations* and *Improvements* your *Author*, p. 15. of his 17th Edition,

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pretends he made of the *Specifick Remedy*, so as to make it almost quite another Thing ; yet, in the 22d Page of his 17th Edition, he, having entirely forgot what he had done, tells us this true Original *Specifick Remedy* is seal'd up with printed Directions for its Use, &c. i. e. almost quite alter'd from what it was, and still the same ! Did, Sir, do you think, the Lying Spirit ever before put a Man on publishing such apparent Falshoods, and even down-right Contradictions ? But, Sir, the most notorious Falshood of all, is still behind.

Your Author, Sir, in the former Editions of the *Practical Scheme*, says, ' Any Person who will, in 28 Days, (Time enough in all Conscience, to see whether it does good or not) inclusive from their buying it, come to Mr. Lovell, or Mrs. Garway, [says every Edition to the 11th inclusive : To Mr. Cooper, or Mrs. Garway, says the 12th Edition] according as where they bought it, and only on the Word and Honour of a Gentleman declare, without any Witness, but to either of them alone, that having us'd the *Specifick Remedy*, bought there such a Day, they find NO Benefit by it, shall, conformable to the Points mention'd in the Directions, have their Money return'd again, without the least Demur or Difficulty.'

This Assurance, Sir, of returning those Persons their Money again ; who should buy the *Specifick Remedy*, take it, and find no Benefit by it, carry'd an Air of Honesty in it, and was, doubtless, a great Inducement, together with the Character given of the Medicine, to many Persons to lay out their Money in the Purchase of it : But if your Author so manag'd the Matter, as to give a considering Person just Grounds of Suspicion, that his sole Intention was to prompt Persons to part with their Guineas without a Design of returning any, be the Success of the Remedy what it would ; then I conceive this Honest-Faced-Assurance of returning Money, ought not, overhastily to be taken for a Proof, that your Author is an honest Man : And whether he has so manag'd the Matter, as to give such Grounds of Suspicion, let the World judge from the following Account of this Matter contain'd in your Author's seal'd up Directions, and my Observations on the whole.

Directions.] Where the Infection is but small, One Pot of the *Specifick Remedy* is full enough for the Cure, if the foregoing Rules be but observ'd. For although sometimes in slight Infections, the Patient may seem to be well, with taking but half a Pot : Yet it ought to be continu'd for some time, to root out, and carry off entirely the Venom and Malignity, and to prevent a Relaps of the Gleet and Running : But when it has taken deeper Root, which more frequently happens than Persons imagine, even  
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any other than a *knave's* Design to make People think him honest? And that he endeavours to have nothing but Truth in his Book? And is it not very plain, that he cares not whether what he writes be Truth or Falshood, provided it does but promote his Interest? A few Lines farther (*Ed. 17th, p. 24.*) he says, *Now what I have to say more, is this, That this Specifick Remedy is not INFALLIBLE; and I desire no One to buy it as such. No, it may possibly fail in some particular Cases. Nay, (p. 21.) he says, Suppose a Person very SLIGHTLY Clap'd, should take some considerable Quantity of this Remedy, without being cured, I should not value it a Bit the less for such a Want of Success in some ONE particular Person.* Now, Sir, in Case an Hundred Persons buy your Author's boasted of Specifick Remedy, and not One of them receive any Good by it; each of those Persons must (and probably will) suppose their own to be the only (very odd) particular Case, in which this Little Remedy has fail'd: So that, altho' not ONE Person of a Thousand Takers of this Little Remedy should be cured by it, yet, One not knowing of Another's Disappointment, your Author (I verily believe) hopes these last-mention'd Concessions of his, namely, That his Little Remedy may possibly fail in some particular (and even very slight) Cases, will effectually screen and secure both himself and his Little Remedy from Reproach.

And now, Sir, I conceive you may be sufficiently convinc'd that your Author does himself follow the Dictates of the Lying Spirit I presum'd him to be possess'd by: And that he does, as Occasion offers, prompt Others to do so too, I offer the ensuing Particulars for a Proof, viz. 1. The following Certificate, which has been often printed in the News-Papers, and in several Editions of the Practical Scheme, viz.

**I** Ann Avery, House-keeper 20 Years, next Door to the Golden Boy in Red-Lyon-Street, Holborn, six Years ago was so injur'd by a Husband with the Secret Disease, that it broke out in large Blotches on my Head, and nine Holes in my Legs, with other dreadful Symptoms not here to be nam'd; so that I went five Years with a Stick, and spent constantly 6d. a Week in Salve for five Years together. I had Dr. Radcliff came to me, and after him several other eminent Physicians, and took their Prescriptions without any Benefit. At last, despairing of a Cure, having wept whole Nights and Days to see my self so ruin'd; I was advis'd by a Friend, to take of the Specifick Remedy: I took only a few Times of it; I have now thrown away my Stick, my Legs are well, my Head entirely cured, and I am as well as ever I was in my Life. This (since I had it from a Husband)

Husband) I own to all the World, for the publick Good, and will farther satisfy any Person that will come to me.

Witness my Hand, *Ann Avery.*

I call'd on Mrs. *Avery* about this *Certificate*, and asking her how she knew that either her Husband or her self ever had the *Foul Disease*, she assur'd me that she did not know that either of them ever had it: That Dr. *Radcliff*, and all *Physicians* and *Apothecaries* she advis'd with about her *Distemper*, told her it was not the *Pox*: That she her self thought it sprung from some *Remains* of the *Itch*, of which she had been cured some time before her late *Breakings-out* happen'd: But that a *Gentlewoman* happening (by meer Accident) to be bespatter'd with *Dirt* near her Door, she invited her in to clean her self; and that this *Gentlewoman* observing her Condition, after some Discourse about it, told her down-right it was the *Pox*; and that her Brother, who (said she) is a Doctor, sells a *Medicine* for that *Disease*; advis'd her to take some of it; and afterwards brought her, at several Times, as much of it (together with something for outward Use) as she told Mrs. *Avery* her Brother sold for two *Guineas*; which Mrs. *Avery* says she took and us'd, and hopes has cured her: But she says, *Nothing* was taken of her for these *Medicines*. Only, as soon as she seem'd well (and before she had quite done taking) this *Certificate* was brought her to sign, and sign it she did; and then she was directed to inform those who should enquire, that she was cured by the *Specifick Remedy* belonging to the *Practical Scheme*, and sold (then) at Mr. *Love's*; and at Mrs. *Garway's*. Thus Mrs. *Avery* to me: And the like Story she has told to some Others.

I George Taylor, living in *Faulcon-Court*, *Southwark*, certify, that I this Day calling on Mrs. *Avery* in *Red-Lyon Street*, *Holborn*, whose *Certificate* is in the *Practical Scheme*, which I shew'd her; she told me, the *Medicines* she took, the Doctor's *Kinswoman* help'd her to, gratis: That she could procure them for me; but (said she) they must cost you a *Guinea*, that being the *Price* of the *Pacquet*. I enquir'd as diligently as I could into her *Case*, but could find no Reason to believe she ever had any Thing of the *Secret Disease*. Witness my Hand, this 8th Day of *September*, 1716.

*George Taylor.*

Thus, Sir, it seems plain, That Mrs. *Avery* (with whose *Certificate* your Author has made most ado) has been prompted by your Author and his Sister, or Kinswoman, to certify, to the Scandal of her (absent) Husband, and her self, that she was  
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pox'd by her *Husband*, whom she never (as she assur'd me) knew to have had the *Foul Disease*. She has also been prompted to certify that she was cured of the *Foul Disease* (without knowing she ever had it) by the *Specifick Remedy*, of which she does not know (otherwise than by the *Information* of the above-mention'd *Gentlewoman*, to her a *Stranger*) that she ever took *One Grain* ! So that her *Certificate* (as well founded as any of the *Rest*, for ought I can discover) ought to stand for *Nothing* : It being, indeed, a *Fardel of Falsities*.

2. An *Advertisement* has been in a great many *News-Papers* of late, and is now in the *Practical Scheme*, (Ed. 17th p. 41.) which begins thus, viz.

**W**E *Thomas* and *Elizabeth Griffiths*, who keep the great old publick *News-Shop*, (commonly known by the Name of *Mrs. Bond's News-Shop*) over against the *Blue Posts* and *Rummer Eating-House* at *Charing-Cross*, do hereby testify, That by *ONLY* putting about our *Child's Neck*, at three Months Old, the celebrated *Necklace* recommended by *Dr. Chamberlen*, for *Childrens Teeth*, it has now cut most of its *Teeth*, &c.

Almost every *Man* has 30 *Teeth* : So that, according to this *Certificate*, *Mr. Griffiths's Boy* must (by *Virtue* of this *Necklace*) have cut 16 *Teeth*, if not more, on (or before) the 14th of *August 1716*. But, a *Friend* of mine call'd to see this *Child* towards the End of *Sept. 1716*, and this *Boy* had then cut but *FIVE Teeth* ! would *Thomas Griffiths*, and *Elizabeth* his Wife, think you, have agreed to publish this notorious *Lye* to the World, had they not been thereto prompted (nay, as I am told, hir'd) by your *Author* ? And this *Falshood* of theirs put *One Madam Bowman*, at the next Door to *Old Man's Coffee-House*, on getting one of these *Necklaces* for her *Child*, but she was oblig'd afterwards to send for a *Surgeon* to open its *Gums* !

Thus, Sir, although your *Author* pretends in the *Practical Scheme*, (Ed. 17, p. 20, 21.) that these *thankful Advertisements* and *Certificates* are publish'd in the *News-Papers* ENTIRELY UNKNOWN to him, yet I believe that he writes them all himself, and pays the Persons very well, who allow their *Names* to be put to them. But on Account of his saying they are publish'd entirely unknown to him, I'll transcribe One more which was publish'd in the *Post-Boy*, *August 18, 23, and 28, 1716*, viz.

The *Author* of the *Practical Scheme* of *Secret Injuries*, and *Broken Constitutions*, returns *Thanks* to *Mr. Allen* for the fol<sup>o</sup>



lowing *Advertisement*, which he was pleas'd, out of his own mere *Good-Will*, to publish in this Paper on *Thursday August 16* past: *Viz.*

A Gentleman having had a very grievous, and almost constant Pain, in the *Small of his Back*, for above 20 Years, and having try'd several Things to no Purpose, at last being advis'd to the *Specifick Remedy* belonging to the *Practical Scheme*, I took only a few Times of it, by which I am perfectly well, and altogether free from my *Old Pain*, as any Person that pleases may be fully satisfy'd of, by enquiring of Mr. Allen, at the Sign of the *Oxford-Arms* over-against *Durham-Yard* in the *Strand*; this I do to let the World know the great Benefit that I have found by this Remedy. Note, the *Practical Scheme*, &c.

Here, Sir, your *Author* returns Thanks to Mr. Allen, as if he did not know who the Gentleman is: But I was inform'd at Mr. Allen's, that this Gentleman's Name is *Shewler*; that he is a *Limner*, and that he lodges up two Pair of Stairs at the *Sugar Loaf*, over-against *Old Round Court* in the *Strand*: The same House where your *Author's* (reputed) *Sister* lodges up One Pair of Stairs, and sells his *Paquets of Quack Medicines*, even the *Specifick Remedy* it self! Who therefore can believe that this *Advertisement*, directing an *Enquiry*, to be made of Mr. Allen, was publish'd entirely unknown to your *Author*? In short, Sir, I can't find, by all the *Enquiry* and *Observations* I have been able to make, that there ought to be any more Credit given to *Certificates* publish'd on the Behalf (and in Recommendation) of your *Author's* boasted of *Specifick Remedy*, *Elixir*, and *Necklace*, than to what is said of them in the *Practical Scheme* and *Philosophical Essay*. Your *Author*, so far as I can find, purchases all these *Certificates*; and in case he will pay well, he may doubtless have as many *Certificates* as he shall think fit, to put in the *News-Papers*, sign'd by Persons in and about this Town, and worded (without any Regard to Truth and Honesty) just as he himself shall please.

In *St. James's Evening-Post*, July 12, 1716, and in divers other *News-Papers*, about that Time, is an Account of a certain pretended *Sea-faring Person*, who having been formerly cured of the *Secret Disease* by the *Specifick Remedy*, took some of it with him to the *West-Indies*, and had then desir'd that a *Chest* full of the said Remedy might be sent to him, which (says that Account) was then (July 1716) done accordingly by the *Antelope Galley* bound for *New-York*. In the 17th Edition of the *Practical Scheme*, (p. 27.) we have the same Account: But with this Addition, *viz.* that the same Person afterwards coming to England, took again another great Quantity of the said Remedy



Remedy, along with him another *Voyage*, on board the *New-York Pink* bound for *Jamaica*.

Now, Sir, not to take Notice of the large *Quantity* of this *Little Remedy* a *Sea-Chest* will hold, how it is possible, that a *Chest* of *Goods* (however vendible) should be sent from *England*, be receiv'd, and dispos'd of at *New-York*, and the Receiver and Disposer thereof be return'd to *England*, have here dispatch'd his *Business*, (how little so ever) and be sail'd away for *Jamaica*, and all in *three Months Time*? And the *Time* between the *Specifick Remedy's* being (as was pretended) sent to *New-York*, and the *Date* of your *Approbation* prefix'd to the *17th Edition* of the *Practical Scheme*, is no longer: And in a very few Days after the *Date* of your *Approbation*, the *17th Edition* was advertis'd to be given away. Your *Author's Lying Spirit*, Sir, has certainly a *Design* to expose him to the *Ridicule* of the *People*.

In this *17th Edition* of the *Practical Scheme*, which, Sir, is come out with your *Approbation*: It is (p. 28.) said, 'I could reckon up great Numbers of undeniable *Testimonies* of *Cures* by these *Remedies* on Persons even given over by all Others: But having trespass'd on my Readers *Patience* too long already, I'll make an *End*, desiring him to peruse the several *News-Papers* of these four Years last past, wherein he will find ABOVE 3000 Authentick *Advertisements* of of surprizing *Cures* wrought by these *Remedies*.' Now, Sir, I'll hold either you or your *Author* an even *Wager*, that neither he nor you can produce and shew so many as *One Hundred*, instead of *Three Thousand*, several and distinct *Advertisements* of *Cures* done (or said to be done) by the *Specifick Remedy*, *Elixir*, and *Necklace*, since they, or the first of them, which was the *Specifick Remedy*, was first advertis'd and recommended to the *World*, which was (*Practical Scheme* Ed. 17, p. 16.) on the 14th of *March*, 1713, to this very Day, being *November 23*, 1716. And *One Hundred* is but a *Thirtieth Part* of *Three Thousand*: But perhaps *One Word* of *Truth*, to *Nine* and *Twenty Falshoods*, may be more than ought to be expected from a (reputed) *Popish Priest*, possess'd with a *Lying Spirit*!

*Approbation.*] And to satisfy the *World* that this is my real *Sentiment*, *Opinion*, and *Advice*, I do here own, that I my self have not only now for several Years in my *Practice* almost daily made Use of these very same *Remedies*, but also continue so to do; and that with so much the greater *Pleasure* and *Satisfaction* of *Mind*, because I experience them to be *Safe*, *Certain*, and *Effectual*, entirely answering the *Ends* for which they are propos'd. These being those  
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great SECRETS which former Ages have continually been endeavouring to find out, but never could; And therefore for want of them our *Erefathers* were oblig'd to prolong very much their Cures, by going round about the Bush. But what shall we fay? The Time of their Discovery was not yet come. They were design'd ONLY for this lucky *Author*, who happily has hit upon them. And as for the *Necklace* in particular, I my self constantly wear one on each Leg by Way of *Garters* for the *Cramp*, which, for many Years before I wore them, I was grievously afflicted with; and for which I also recommend it. As witness my Hand this 13th of Sept. 1716.

Paul Chamberlen,

Here, Doctor, you say, that you have for several Years us'd these very Remedies almost daily in your Practice: But then, Sir, you must have us'd them a long Time before you knew what they were; for your *Author* in his *Epistle Dedicatory*, says, it was on the 19th of November. 1715, that he communicated the *Specifick Remedy* to you: However, he does in the same *Epistle* (Ed. 14, 15, 16,) say, that you us'd frequently to buy the *Specifick Remedy* at the Shops where it is sold, to cure your own POOR Patients with! If this be Truth, Sir, I fancy you to be the ONLY Doctor in Physick, in or about London, that ever us'd to frequent Toy-Shops to buy Quack-Medicines to practise with! But then it must be own'd that you were very charitable to give a Guinea a Piece for Pots of (you knew not what) Stuff, of the Bigness (vide p. 107.) of a Walnut, to cure poor Patients with! But Sir, your Ingenious *Author*, in the said *Epistle*, says, your Business lies intirely another Way: So that it seems, Doctor, you have us'd these Remedies, for several Years, almost daily in your Practice, without having any had Occasion for them, as well as without knowing what they were! But, Sir, how comes it to pass that you tell us, that these Remedies were design'd ONLY for your lucky *Author*, who happily has hit upon them? Does not your *Author*, in every Edition of the *Practical Scheme*, tell the World, that the *Specifick Remedy* was communicated to him by a Physician, to whom it had also been communicated by another Physician, who had us'd it (Ed. 17. p. 15) near 40 Years? How then can he be said to be the lucky *Author*, who has happily hit upon it? But your *Author* (Ed. 17, p. 15) says, he has now so alter'd this *Specifick Remedy*, as to make it almost quite another Thing: And perhaps this Remedy thus alter'd, is what you mean that your lucky *Author* has happily hit upon: But then, Sir, with this Remedy, thus alter'd, you are, it seems, wholly unacquainted: For your lucky *Author* there adds, and consequently it became now intirely my own Secret! And, Sir, in Case it be (now) intirely your

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*Author's own Secret*, I hope you will not have the *Assurance* to pretend to know what it is! I own that your Learned and Ingenious *Author* says (*Ed. 17. p. 22.*) of this *Remedy*, now so alter'd as to be almost quite another Thing, that it is the true Original *Specifick Remedy*! But I must, I believe, become a juggling *Popish Priest* my self, before I shall be able to comprehend how a *Specifick Remedy* can be so alter'd from what it was, as to be made almost quite another Thing, and yet still continue to be the true Original *Specifick Remedy* it was at first! This is *popish Transubstantiation* all over.

And, Sir, as to the *Chimical Elixir*, your *Author* never made any mention of it, until he so did in the 14th Edition of the *Practical Scheme*, which has not been publish'd (as yet) a full Year. And had he sooner known of it (tho' I believe it good for but little, yet) I believe we should sooner have heard of it. And as to the *Necklace*, if I am rightly inform'd, it is made in Imitation of a very excellent and serviceable One made and sold for many Years past, by Mr. *Lovel*: However, it is not full out two Years since your *Author* first publish'd his.

And now, Sir, having made such (and such only) *Remarks* and *Observations* on this *Approbation*, as, I conceive, it justly call'd for and deserves, I will add one *Concession*, namely, that I do not, in Truth, believe that you ever once deliberately read over the *Practical Scheme* and *Essay*, much less the *Directions* your *Author* seals up with these *Remedies*: For I cannot in Reality, persuade my self to entertain an *Opinion* so much to the *Disadvantage* of your *Knowledge* in the *Theory* and *Practice of Physick*, and your *Honesty*, as it would be to suppose, that after a serious and mature *Consideration* of the *Matters* contain'd in the said *Practical Scheme* and *Essay*, and a full *Knowledge* of your *Author* and his *Management*, you drew up, with your own Hand, this *Approbation*, sign'd it, and gave it to be printed. No, I rather believe that your cunning and designing *Author*, with whom, I know, you have not been long acquainted, entertain'd you, over a *Bottle*, with some *Romantick Relations* of *Cures*, pretended to have been perform'd by these *Remedies*, and then produc'd this *Approbation*, compos'd, and wrote by himself, requested and (on an *Assurance* of some *Advantage* thence to accrue to your self) obtain'd your *Leave* to have it printed in your Name, as if it had been of your own drawing up.

And, Sir, as to your learned and ingenious *Author*, I shall leave every One to think of him, and his *Specifick Remedy*, *Elixir*, &c. as to himself shall seem reasonable. I must own that I was, and am really of *Opinion*, from the many *Complaints* I have heard of the *Specifick Remedy*, that it was necessary  
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for the *Safety of People's Health and Well-Being*, that something should be publish'd concerning it ; and, after the *Approbation* publish'd in your Name appear'd, I resolv'd to set your *Author*; as well as his *Remedies*, in as true a *Light* as I could, in the View of the People, that they might know, and consider of him and them; before they should have any *Concerns* with either of them : Which being done, *si vult Populus decipi, decipiatur* : Or, Sir, as you said to me in your own House, *if People will run and buy Medicines, and take them on their own Heads; who can help it?* However, Sir, I have, as I hope, so manag'd the *Matter*, as that my *Remarks, Reflections, and Observations*, have been pertinent, just, and such as can, by no Means, *wrongfully* bring either *Yourself* or your *Author*, or his *Remedies* into a *Disreputation* : For I solemnly declare, I would not, under a Pretext of preventing the *Publick's* being impos'd on, wittingly and wilfully do *Injustice* to any *Private Person*. And if thro' *Inadvertency, Mistake, Misinformation*, or by any Means whatever, any Thing has (as I hope and believe there has not) slip'd my Pen, unjustly to the *Prejudice* of yourself, or your *Author*, either as to your own, or his *Good Name and Reputation*, or the real *Worth and Excellency* of his pretended *Great and Valuable Remedies*, you and he (too) are of *Age, and Capacity* to write, and publish a proper and suitable *Vindication*. And therefore, without farther Ceremony, I'll subscribe myself,

S I R,

Your very humble Servant,

JOHN SPINKE.

From my House, the Golden-Key, by Dr. Burgess's Meeting-House, in New-Court, Cary-Street, Little Lincoln's-Inn-Fields,  
Nov. 26, 1716.





## P O S T S C R I P T.

I must acknowledge my self under an *Apprehension*, that some of my *Readers* will surmise that *Less* might have suffic'd to have been said about the *Matters* contain'd in the *Practical Scheme*, its *Author*, his *Specifick Remedy*, *Chymical Elixir*, &c. But the *Truth* is, it is not so easy a *Matter*, as many, at first View, will imagine, to set such an *Affair* as was here before me, in such a *Light*, as that all *Readers* should fully comprehend it. However, I am very confident every *One* will think the *Expence* of this *Tract*, and his *Trouble* in reading it over, well bestow'd, when he shall have duly consider'd the following *Particulars*, (1) That this *Treatise* contains, over and above a suitable *Information* concerning the *Author* of the *Practical Scheme*, and his *Remedies*, a plain, full, and satisfactory (tho' not a Regular and Methodical) *Description*, and *Account* of the *Secret Disease*, in all its several *Stages*, *Degrees*, and *Circumstances*: That is, such an *Account* as is altogether sufficient to give any *Person* a true *Idea* and satisfactory *Notion* of their own *Case*. (2) I submit it to every *One's Consideration*, whether it be not better to have been at the *Charge* of this *Treatise*, and the *Trouble* of having read it, than it would have been to purchase the *Specifick Remedy*, &c. (3) By reading over this *Tract*, every *One* will be well appriz'd, how very hazardous it is, for *Persons* labouring with the *Secret Disease* to buy *Medicines* offer'd to sale at *Shops*, and to take and depend on them for a *Cure*, when the *Author* of them will not be seen and known: For, doubtless, other conceal'd *Medicasters* are, generally speaking, as indifferently well stock'd with skill in *Physick*, *Honesty*, and *Veracity*, as the *Author* of the *Practical Scheme*. And, indeed, my *Advice* to People is, that when ever they observe a *Medicine* to be highly applauded, and well recommended in *Bills* and *Advertisements*, as if prepar'd by some eminent *Physician*, *Surgeon*, &c. who does not discover plainly who he is, and where to be met with, that they expect an *Imposition*, and that they thereupon give not the least *Credit* to what they shall find said of any such *Medicine*, and its *Author*, meerly on the *Account* of any such *Author's* having said so and so of himself, and his *Medicine*. And my *Reason* for such *Advice* is, a firm *Belief*, that such conceal'd *Preparers* and *Advertisers* of *Medicines*, are (most an End) the most ignorant of *Quacks*, *Persons* who know very little (if any Thing to the Purpose) in *Physick*; and some of the

most profligate of the *People*, who, being Persons void of *Virtue* and *Honesty*, study to put those Things, and those only, into print, concerning *their* (not to be known) *selves*, and their (publish'd) *Medicines*, which they conceive may promote their own *Profit*, without being at all concern'd whether what they write and print be *Truth*: So that to promote their *Interest*, they will, in print, assert that for *Truth* concerning *Themselves* and their *Remedies*, which they, in their own Consciences, believe (nay, positively know) to be a down right *Falshood*. And, indeed, whilst so little *Truth*, *Sincerity*, and plain-down-right-honest *Dealing* is to be met with amongst Persons free enough to be seen and known, 'tis amazing to me, that any Persons should be so very *Credulous* as to put *Confidence* in what is said and affirm'd (for their own *Interest* Sake) by *Preparers* and *Advertisers* of *Medicines* who will not be either known to, or seen by them whose *Money* they take, and live by; and to whom (*sometimes*) they will pretend to give *Advice* (for a *Fee*) by *Letters*, altho', perhaps, they be, in *Truth*, incapable of either *Writing* or *Reading*.

When therefore any *Physician*, *Surgeon*, or *Apothecary*, has acquired the Knowledge of a *Medicine* that he conceives will, being offer'd to *Sale*, be serviceable to the *People*, and profitable to himself, he flincheth not, at the same Time he publishes his *Medicine*, to let the World know who he is, who is the *Author* of it, and where he is to be found. And, indeed, when any *One* shall have bought a *Medicine*, and shall find himself under some *Difficulty* in the Use of it, to whom, so properly as to its *Author* (if he be a Man of *Skill*) can such a Person apply for farther *Advice*, and *Directions*? But certainly when a Man shall, like the *Author* of the *Practical Scheme*, vaunt himself a *Physician*, and shall pretend that he is more than ordinarily skilful in the *Cure* of some *One Disease*, and shall, by means of *Advertisements*, (or otherwise) prompt People to purchase *Medicines* which he shall recommend (with seal'd up *Directions* for their Use) as proper for, and effectual in the *Cure* of that *Disease*, and shall (perhaps) also pretend to give them such farther *Advice* and *Directions*, by *Letters*, as shall be wanted, but shall (as if ashamed) absolutely *refuse* to be known to (or seen by) those Persons who shall have bought and taken his advertised *Remedies*; certainly, I say, when a Man shall thus act, he, in so doing, gives just *Occasion* of having it suspected (at least) that his *Remedies* (however boasted of, and recommended) are of but little (or no) *Value*, and that he himself is a meer *Cheat* and an *Impostor*: For it can't (in my Opinion) be reasonably conceiv'd, that any *Physician* or any *honest Man*, should take any such like *Measures*.

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4. When any *Person*, afflicted with the *Secret Disease*, shall have read over, and duly consider'd what is here wrote concerning the *Nature*, *Symptoms*, and dangerous *Consequences* of it, he will assuredly conclude it *Concerns* him, in order to prevent his own *Ruin*, not only to disregard the *Remedies* offer'd to sale by unknown *Authors*, but also to avoid all ignorant *Pretenders* to its *Cure*, and to apply himself to some skilful *Physician*, or *Surgeon*, who, as he shall have Reason to believe, has made this *Disease*, in some *Measure*, his particular *Study*, and in the *Cure* of which he shall have been *Conversant*, and well *Experienc'd*: It being (as the *Author* of the *Practical Scheme*, Ed. 13, p. 19, well enough observes) possible that a *Person* may be a very good *Physician*, or *Surgeon*, and yet, when the *Question* comes to be about this *Distemper*, he may know but little of the *Matter*: It being, indeed, a *Distemper* that many eminent *Physicians*, and *Surgeons* are not often concern'd in the *Cure* of; and consequently they cannot perform its *Cure* with that *Ease*, *Speed*, *Safety*, *Certainty*, and *Privacy*, that some *Others*, who have been more us'd to it, can do: For *Nothing* makes a *Man* so perfect in any *Business*, as constant *Practice* and *Experience*.

## F I N I S.

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### E R R A T A.

P. 7. l. 9. for *military*, read *miliary*. p. 12. l. 7. after *Sive* add *Morbi*. p. 28. l. 10. blot out, *neither*, p. 43. l. 8. blot out, *above*. p. 76. l. 37. for *phmoissis* read *phimossis*. p. 99. l. 15. for *Anser*, read *Anfer*, and l. 28 for *accippe* read *accipe*.

As to the Words *Chamberlaine*, and *Chamberlen*, the *Author* of the *Practical Scheme*, in the 14th, 15th, and 16th Editions of that *Tract*, us'd the Word *Chamberlaine*, and in the 17th Edition the Word *Chamberlen*, which oblig'd the *Author* of this to use them both, altho' he presumes One and the same *Person* is intended by them. As to other *Mistakes*, which the *Author* hopes are only *literal*, the *Reader* is desir'd to correct them as they shall occur to him in reading.



**W**HEREAS I William Lovell, at the Patten over against Great Suffolk-Street End, near Charing Cross, have, for about ten Years past, made and sold a Necklace, which the Author of the Necklace now sold up one Pair of Stairs at the Sugar-Loaf over against Old Round Court in the Strand, and said to be recommended by Dr. Chamberlen, offer'd me a certain Number of Guineas to let him know what it is, but I refus'd his Offer, and and never discover'd any thing of it to him. My Necklace does really cause Children to breed and cut their Teeth with Ease and Safety, prevents and cures their Convulsions, and has been experienc'd to prevent and cure the Tooth-Ach. Mrs Piggot in Cock's-Head Court in Golden Lane, is usually afflicted with Fits and Convulsions when she does not wear this Necklace, which certainly prevents them; Whosoever desires to know more of it, may be further inform'd of my self, at my Shop above-mention'd, and of Mr. John Cooper, Gold Chain-Maker in the Old Change, at the upper End of Cheapside; at either of which Places this Necklace is to be had, Price 5 s. each.

William Lovell.

**SPECIFICK DROPS** for the Mouth-Scurvy: The Scurvy causes the Flesh of the Gums to be soft and Spungy, to wast away, ulcerate and bleed often; whereby the Teeth become foul, incrustrated of a yellow or blackish Colour, often aking, and full of small Worms at their Roots; then they decay, loosen, and fall out. This Scorbutick Decay of the Teeth and Gums likewise causes the Breath to scent very disagreeably, and sometimes to stink intolerably: Now these Drops presently make foul, black, and yellow Teeth, pure clean and very White; prevent decay'd Teeth from growing worse; fasten loose Teeth, cause sore, wasted, ulcerated, bleeding Gums, to grow up firm about the Teeth, destroy Worms at their Roots, and preserve the Teeth and Gums firm, sound, well-colour'd, well-scented, free from Pain, and from the Scurvy, to extream Old Age. They are very pleasant in Use, and in curing the Mouth-Scurvy, in making and keeping the Teeth white, firm, and sound, and the Breath (when its ill Scent proceeds from the Teeth and Gums) delightfully sweet, they will never fail any One. Taken inwardly, they purify the Blood, &c. Price 3 s. 6 d. the Ounce Glass. Sold at Mr. Lovell's above mention'd, and by the Author of this Treatise, who prepares them; and is well assur'd a Medicine, so very effectual, in the above mention'd Cases, was never before publish'd for Sale.











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